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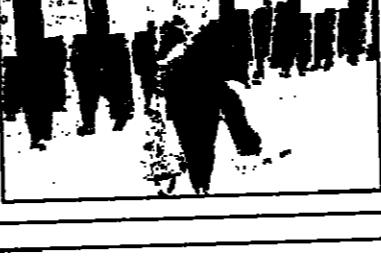
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## Mordechai accepts inquiry proposals

**By ARREN O'SULLIVAN**

While it has not yet determined why two Yasur (CH-53) helicopters collided on February 4, the Ivory board of inquiry on Friday issued a series of recommendations to change procedures for flights carrying soldiers to Lebanon.

In its 10-page interim report, submitted to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, the commission recommended that helicopters fly separately instead of in formation to reduce the risk of collision.

"We are completely adopting the commission's recommendations and these recommendations will be fully implemented," Mordechai said at a press conference Friday afternoon, attended by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and OC Air Force Maj.-Gen. Eitan Ben-Elihu.

Mordechai immediately passed copies of the report to the government and the families of the 73 soldiers who died in the crash.

The report did not lay the blame on any person, but it uncovered a number of faults, from lax safety procedures to ambiguous flight instructions.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was briefed in Washington on the report by Mordechai, said it appeared the report was "reasonable and orderly."

"I hope that this report will help prevent accidents like this in the future," he said, but added that he was not aware of any plans for dismissals in the air force.

The report ruled out harsh weather conditions as the direct cause of the crash and also said it was unlikely that arteriosclerosis discovered in one of the pilots in an autopsy was related to the accident.

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Ram Goren, a former deputy air force commander, told Israel Radio that the accident was likely a result of human error, but cautioned against hunting for someone to blame.

Some parents reacted angrily to the interim report.

Yoram Alpher, whose son Idan died in the crash, said it turns out that the 73 soldiers were killed simply because of utter disorder.

He leveled criticism at the findings of confusion over who records the flight rosters and

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## US: Syria talks still on hold

**By HILLEL KUTTLER and news agencies**

WASHINGTON - The US is not yet prepared to bring to Syria proposals discussed with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for restarting negotiations, a senior US official said Friday.

"We'll continue to explore what ideas will form the basis for the resumption of talks. Forty-eight hours of the prime minister's visit has not yet produced the magic formula to advance."

"What we'll have to do is fully discuss this with the Israelis."



President Bill Clinton gets some pint-sized advice Friday from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's two children, Avner, left, and Yair, 5, as their mother, Sara, looks on. The three stopped in at the Oval Office at Yair's request on their way to lunch with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Commenting on his sons' meeting with the president, Netanyahu said: "I have not yet received a comprehensive briefing on these discussions. It appears the cat was also involved in them," referring to the Clintons' cat, Socks.

Madeleine Albright said that she has no intention of going overboard in coaxing Damascus back to the talks, an Israeli official said.

"We made it clear there's not going to be any chasing, and Madeleine made it clear she's not either. She indicated they were not going to chase after [Syrian President Hafez] Assad," the Israeli official said.

Netanyahu, in his address Friday, cautioned Assad to rein in Hizbullah, but did not condition the resumption of negotiations on such a move.

"We have not made the cessation of the proxy war against us... a precondition for the resumption of the talks. I could fairly well do that. I could say, 'We will not begin the talks unless Syria stops the proxy war that it can stop against us,'" Netanyahu said.

"If President Assad has taken, truly, a strategic decision for peace, we would expect him to disavow war as an option. But he has not discarded the option of violence in Lebanon, and we expect him to do so."

"And if President Assad does decide, soon I hope, that he chooses the path of peace, he will find us reasonable and cooperative partners. If he chooses the path of violence, he will leave us no choice but to defend ourselves and to defend our interests. I think such a choice on his part will be a prescription for tragedy."

Israeli officials said Netanyahu delivered the same message to Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and other Congressional leaders with whom he met on Thursday night following his White House meeting.

On the Palestinian track, Netanyahu said Friday that during his more than three-hour talks with Clinton, he presented maps that were "not prescriptive but descriptive of our security needs."

Netanyahu did not reveal to Clinton how he views a final territorial agreement with the Palestinians, or even what the three IDF redeployments over the next 18 months would look like, but instead offered a security overview of "what Israel can live with and what it cannot," the Israeli official said.

Yesterday, Netanyahu braved a chilly Manhattan morning to attend services at an East Side synagogue before meeting privately with US Jewish leaders.

Among those in Netanyahu's entourage, which was heavily guarded, were Israel Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar and Israel Consul-General Colette Avital.

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"We're fully engaged," he said.

There was a possibility of US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross holding a follow-up meeting on the matter with Netanyahu in New York last night or this morning, Netanyahu is scheduled to depart for Israel this afternoon.

In a speech on Friday to the Washington Institute for Near East Policy the prime minister said that if talks resume, "obviously, we will take note of" Damascus's previous discussions with the Labor government but that he "cannot be bound by speculations and theories and hypotheses" from those talks.

A member of Netanyahu's delegation said that in the premier's meeting Thursday with President Bill Clinton, Netanyahu stated that he would resume the talks on the basis of three elements: The US letters of invitation to the 1991 Madrid peace conference, the "general basis" of UN resolutions 242 and 338, and "taking note" of previous Israeli-Syrian talks.

The term "general basis" does not mean it is applicable to territorial compromise on the Golan Heights, the Israeli official stated. That it might be was an idea proffered in some circles prior to Netanyahu's visit here, most prominently by Foreign Minister David Levy.

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara said yesterday that Israel was running away from peace and that Syria was willing to resume peace talks as long as they started where the previous round left off.

"There is no Syrian obstinacy, as Netanyahu claims, and Syria is not distancing itself from the peace process or its elements as some

## Ivory Commission recommendations

The following are the recommendations made by the Ivory Commission:

- CH-53 helicopters ferrying forces for reinforcement or to exchange soldiers at positions in south Lebanon on dark nights will fly alone or will maintain very large distances between them, to reduce the danger of them colliding or crossing into each other's flight paths.
- An authorized leader must be designated in missions in which two or more helicopters are flying in the same direction in the same area.
- Clear rules must be made regarding the practice of flying without lights.
- Regulations must be set regarding flashing beacons on the CH-53.
- Make sure that regulations regarding the flight areas and combat registers are followed. Commanders should also designate a person responsible for checking equipment and ammunition placed on the helicopters.

*Arish O'Sullivan*

## Kfar Ruppin man: I'm Albright's cousin

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who said she recently discovered her Jewish roots, may be surprised to hear she also has Israeli relatives.

Czech-born Haim Korbelt of Kfar Ruppin, who immigrated here in 1939, said yesterday he is a first cousin of Albright's father, Josef, and had written Albright's family a letter shortly after World War II in an attempt to contact relatives who had survived the Holocaust.

"My father and Josef's father were brothers and I remember Josef's parents very well," Korbelt said, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"After the war I received a letter from a distant cousin who had moved to Brazil and it included Josef's address in America, so I wrote him a letter but he never wrote back," Korbelt said.

"I understood when I didn't receive a reply that Josef didn't want to keep in touch," said the

74-year-old Korbelt.

Korbelt, who grew up in Bron, Czechoslovakia, said he last saw Albright's grandparents — his uncle and aunt — shortly before moving here in 1939. Then, Albright's father brought home his bride-to-be to meet the family for the first time.

"I remember Josef and his parents very well, though we didn't meet them many times. Prague was far from Bron and we saw them once a year," Korbelt said.

Korbelt said another cousin, Josephina Gruber, lives in Givatayim. Gruber came to Israel in a transport of Jewish youth in the early days of the Nazi invasion

of Czechoslovakia and also tried unsuccessfully to contact Albright's father after the war.

Korbelt, who only recently learned that Albright was the daughter of his cousin Josef, said he was proud of his famous relative.

"It's a nice feeling to see that a relative has achieved such success," he said. He added that he'd like to meet the secretary of state but has no plans to write to her.

"If there is interest on her part to renew ties I would be happy but I don't think I'll try [to write] again because...we don't want to force ourselves on her," Korbelt said. (AP)

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## NEWS

in brief

## PLO office in Washington ordered closed

The PLO's Washington office has been ordered closed due to US regulations over the organization's operations here. President Clinton's authority to waive legal restrictions on US relations with the PLO expired on February 12 and he may not take action on the matter until February 21. The office must remain closed until then.

But a senior US official said the law will "have absolutely no consequence" on continued US relations with the Palestinians and refers only to "the suspension of the office and certain [other] undertakings."

However, a phone call to the office Friday found it still operating. *Hillel Kuttler*

## Boy dies from shortness of breath

A four-year-old boy died of shortness of breath in his parents' Beit She'an home yesterday, in what police said was a death caused by unnatural causes. Police are to submit an autopsy request to court today in order to determine the exact cause of death. *Itim*

## Woman found dead by young son

A 14-year-old boy found his mother dead in their Tiberias home yesterday, after a party had taken place there the night before. Police have not ruled out foul play in the 38-year-old woman's death. The woman's husband and another woman were detained for questioning. *Itim*

## Israel Railways workers on strike

A strike by Israel Railways workers that began last night is to continue today, the busiest day of the week for rail travel.

The strike was called to protest the planned privatization of Israel Railways, aimed at dividing the Railways and Ports Authority into two companies. The workers want to be consulted on the matter, to ensure their rights will be protected. *Itim*

## Golan Druse mark anniversary of strike

Golan Heights Druse on Friday marked the 15th anniversary of their general strike against the extension of Israeli law to the region. Shops, schools and business in the villages were closed and most of the residents did not go to work.

Police were on duty in Majdal Shams and the other villages in cases of any disturbances, but the day passed quietly. A stage was erected on the Syrian side of the border, opposite Majdal Shams, from where messages of support and encouragement were shouted on loudspeakers by Druse and Syrian officials to residents of the Golan Heights village. *David Rudge*

## Motorcyclist seriously injured

A motorcyclist was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when he crashed into the door of a parked car which someone opened as he drove down a Kiryat Gat street. The cyclist was thrown from his motorcycle and suffered serious head injuries. He was brought to BeerSheva's Soroka Hospital. *Itim*

## Haredim try to block capital's Rehov Bar-Ilan

Hundreds of haredim stoned policemen who tried to prevent them from blocking Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday. Other haredim threw garbage, spit at and cursed policemen, and later set garbage bins on fire.

Four cars' windshields were damaged by the stones, including those of two police cars. The police reported that several policemen were injured and treated on the scene. Four people were arrested.

Deputy Mayor Haim Miller sent a letter to the State Attorney's Office and the Supreme Court asking when the court would rule regarding the street's future, saying the delay in deciding was causing unnecessary tension. *Itim*

## Decision due on whether to indict MK Zucker

The State Attorney's Office is to decide whether to indict Meretz MK Dedi Zucker regarding his alleged illegal involvement in obtaining funding for the Camera Obscura film school. The police fraud squad turned over its findings to the State Attorney's Office last week. However, investigators did not make any clear recommendations on whether or not to indict. Instead, it offered two opinions, one saying there was not enough evidence to indict Zucker, while the other said he could be indicted.

The case involves suspicions Zucker used his standing as an MK to obtain Education Ministry funding for the school, from which he received a salary as chairman of its fund-raising association. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

## Senior Chinese official visits

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Li Langqing, vice president of the Council of the People's Republic of China, is to arrive in Israel today for a four-day visit designed to improve trade relations between the two countries, China's Tel Aviv-based spokesman announced Thursday.

"This visit, which was arranged a long time ago but was postponed due to Mr. Langqing's busy schedule, aims to increase economic trade relations between the two sides," said Yuebang Zhang, first secretary at the Chinese Embassy. "Trade between the two countries is quite small, but it is increasing."

Bilateral trade between China and Israel, which began in 1992 following the initiation of diplomatic rela-

importing \$159m, while exporting \$81.5m, in goods to China in 1996.

Israel's main exports to China are machinery, chemical products and optical medical equipment. Leading imports include chemical products, machinery and textiles.

During his stay, Langqing will participate in the ground-breaking ceremony of ECI Telecom's Ofakim plant, visit the Dead Sea Works and take a tour of the Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan.

Langqing will meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, President Ezer Weizman, Finance Minister Dan Meridor, Foreign Minister David Levy and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

## Our very dear SONJA AVIAD

widow of Dr. Yeshayahu Aviad, passed away Saturday in her 100th year. Her funeral will take place at the Sanhedria Cemetery today, Sunday, February 16, 1997, at 1 p.m.

Her sons: Yakov and Eva Aviad and daughters Hamar and Rivka Aviad and daughters Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the Enat, Gofar, Raab, Be'ert and Arbel families Shiva at 87 Ben Malmon Avenue

## PA, Israel to set timetable for implementing security issues

By LAMIA LAHOUD

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators will meet today to discuss the timetable for the negotiations to be conducted by the committees discussing implementation of the remaining issues of the interim agreement.

The most important issues are those relating to security, according to Mohammed Dahlan, head of the Palestinian Authority's Preventive Security Service in Gaza. Dahlan is one of the Palestinian negotiators on the security committee.

The security committee is dealing with issues like the safe passage for Palestinians between Gaza and the West Bank, the

Palestinian airport and sea port in Gaza, passage into Israel, such as through the Erez and Karni crossings from Gaza, and external crossings, like Rafiah and the Allenby Bridge, Dahlan said.

According to Dahlan, the two sides should be able to reach agreement on these issues within the next two months.

Maj.-Gen. Abdel Razak Yahya, who heads the Palestinian delegation to the security talks, said the safe passage issue is almost resolved.

The remaining problem is the location of the crossing point in the Ramallah area. The PA wants the checkpoint at Mevo Horon, which is close to the Green Line, while Israel is insisting that it be further

inside the territories around Beit Horon.

"The location of the checkpoint is important, because it will in some way influence the location of the future borders in the final status talks," Yahya said.

Concerning the Gaza airport, the remaining differences are over who has the overall responsibility for security there, he said.

Israel, he said, wants to apply the same principle that applies to the border crossings, where they are in charge of overall security. The PA, on the other hand, is insisting on taking charge of security at the airport, because it is inside Area A, in the south of the Gaza Strip where the PA has full security responsibility, he said.

According to a PA official, the PA understands that Israel wants some say in the security at the airport. The official said some arrangements could be worked out as long as the PA keeps overall security responsibility at the airport.

Meanwhile, PA council member Marwan Barghout welcomed the release of the women prisoners, but said it was important that other prisoners who should have been released under the Oslo accords also be released soon. These prisoners include the sick, elderly, minors and those who have completed two-thirds of their sentence, he said. The PA and Israel have agreed that their justice ministers be in charge of the matter.

## Bill would block intifada claims

Israel will propose legislation that would prevent thousands of Palestinians wounded by IDF troops during the intifada from receiving compensation, Channel 2 reported yesterday.

The legislation, called "The Intifada Injuries Law," would also cancel compensation claims already filed in Israeli courts.

It is likely to be met by angry responses from both Palestinians and human rights groups.

Channel 2 reported that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu recently gave the go-ahead to the Justice Ministry to prepare the proposal.

The law would exempt Israel from paying compensation to Palestinians wounded during the uprising except in "special humanitarian cases," where the awards would be capped at a specific, yet undetermined sum, Channel 2 said.

According to Channel 2, the legislation would create a committee headed by an Israeli judge to deal with each case individually. Hundreds of Palestinians have claims of up to a billion shekels pending in Israeli courts. (AP)



## Finance agreement signed

Treasury Director-General David Brodet and Palestinian Economics and Planning Minister Nabil Shasth shake hands Friday after signing an agreement that resolves mutual financial claims. The Palestinians promised to pay debts within two weeks to Bezeq and to Israeli hospitals and to come to an agreement with Mekorot on water supplies within three months. Israel promised to remit NIS 105 million to the PA for overdue VAT rebates and to resolve other claims.

## PM to be questioned this week in Bar-On for Hebron affair

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is to be questioned by police this week about the process through which Roni Bar-On was appointed attorney-general, as the investigation into the alleged "Bar-On-for-Hebron" affair continues.

Netanyahu, who is returning from the US tomorrow, will be asked about conversations and other contacts regarding the appointment that he had with others including Shas MK Aryeh Deri and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi.



The investigators also plan to ask Netanyahu who lobbied for the appointment of Bar-On, and whether anyone tried to pressure him with regard to the appointment.

During this week and next, 10 more people are to be questioned about the affair, in addition to the 20 who have already been questioned. Among those to face the police are

officials in the Prime Minister's Office and the head of the Israel Bar Association, Dror Hoter-Yishai, who is said to have discussed the Bar-On appointment with some of those said to be involved.

Several of those already questioned, including Deri, Hanegbi, businessman David Appel, Prime Minister's Office Director-General

Avigdor Lieberman, and Bar-On himself, are expected to be questioned again.

Some of those to be questioned in the coming days are to be questioned under caution as suspects. Police sources said they are trying to identify someone as the "weak link" who they can convince to turn state's witness and reveal more details.

Sources in both the police and the State Attorney's Office say evidence gathered so far supports the suspicion that crimes, including fraud and breach of trust, were committed by some of those involved in the affair.

## INQUIRY

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ambiguous procedures on turning off aircraft lights.

Alpher also speculated that if there had been a co-pilot instead of two navigators, the pilot's mistake could have been averted.

The inquiry panel is headed by David Ivry, former Defense Ministry director-general and air force chief, and includes Maj.-Gen. (res.) Amos Yaron, a former top paratrooper commander, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Ben-Zion Fathi, past president of the Military Court of Appeals, Brig.-Gen. Shmuel Eldar, a former helicopter commander, and retired judge Haim Shapira.

The commission was given 45 days to present its findings, but was asked by Mordcheai to submit an interim report after 10 days.

Ben-Eliahu said the Yasur squadrons had returned to full activity, but were now flying under increased safety restrictions.

"The most important thing about the interim report is to read its recommendations, since they are not aimed at giving a complete picture of the incident or level any blame in the incident, but ... to recommend what steps have to be taken as soon as possible and not wait for 45 days before we can start flying more safely and prevent such incidents in the future," Ben-Eliahu said.

The commission questioned 37 witnesses, visited the site of the

crash and met with members of the helicopter squadrons in its investigation.

According to the interim report, a number of faults were detected, but it noted that none of them could be determined to have directly caused the accident. It said there were no "black boxes" installed in the helicopters nor were there any voice recorders.

The investigation said the two helicopters were to fly in "open formation," from the Mahanayim air strip to the Lebanon border and then separate, each to its own destination. It said that neither helicopter was designated "leader" of the formation and that neither pilot was sufficiently trained to be a leader.

The pilots were briefed before takeoff on extinguishing aircraft lights, which was to be done before crossing the border.

According to squadron practice, each was to have examined the other by trading places to make sure all lights were out. This policy was instituted to reduce the chance of the enemy spotting the helicopters. The inquiry found that the procedure for extinguishing lights was ambiguous.

The inquiry also found that the officer responsible for registering the flight roster did not arrive at the airstrip, thus no list of passengers remained on the ground. The list of victims was put together from the soldier's units waiting for them in Lebanon, the inquiry said.

President Ezer Weizman on Friday made the last of his visits to the families of the victims of the collision.

## Netanyahu renews call for Arabs to re-educate

By HILLEL KUTTNER

WASHINGTON - For the second time in eight months, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has Arab envoys here crying: Stop patronizing us!

In his address to Congress last July, Netanyahu struck a nerve when he called on the Arab world to re-educate their youth toward peace with Israel. On Friday, it was more of the same.

"True peace comes from the heart, or more precisely it comes from a change of heart. And there can be no change unless the educators and intellectuals and spiritual leaders of the Arab world join us in calling for the acceptance of Israel," Netanyahu told a forum of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"Where are you? Why are you holding up the normalization? Why are some of you stopping the normalization as we progress toward peace? Why don't you move forward? Why don't you prove that you can bring your people to peace?" he asked.

To this, Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Maher Sayed said afterward: "What is this nonsense? I think he has an obsession with education."

"I don't think anybody should give any lessons to other people. We should work with each other based on actions, not education."

## CPI up 0.4%

The Consumer Price Index rose a relatively low 0.4% last month, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced Friday.

The slightly lower-than-expected rise in the CPI marks the eighth consecutive month in which the country's main inflationary indicator has risen by less than 1%. Since June, consumer prices have increased a relatively moderate 3.5%.

Last month's largest price increase, 0.7%, was registered in the housing category, which contributed 0.2% to the general index's rise.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel expressed his satisfaction with the January CPI, and said that the last eight indexes indicate that the government is meeting its annual inflation target of 8% to 10%.

An expected cost-of-living increment of 0.7% is to be paid in February's salaries. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

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# Tajik rebels humiliate hostages

MOSCOW (Reuters) - A Russian mediator said yesterday that Islamic rebels holding Russian and Western hostages in Tajikistan had humiliated their captives and he doubted whether a negotiated release deal would be honored.

"A very strong doubt appears that they will return the hostages. They (the rebels) have simply deceived the whole world community," Gennady Sizov, a Russian diplomat in Tajikistan who mediates in the crisis, told Russian Television.

Asked whether he knew about the state of the hostages, Sizov replied: "They are in a very, very bad shape. They are humiliated, morally and physically. They have been tied." Sizov was speaking after the rebels, led by brothers Rizvon and Bakhtomirov, had failed to keep their part of the deal and release 11 Western and Russian hostages.

The hostages still held by the rebels include three UN observers — two from Switzerland and one from Ukraine — four workers with the UN refugee agency, two Russian television journalists and the Tajik security minister, Saidamin Zakhurov.

The first hostages were captured early last week and the minister was abducted last weekend

when he flew in to negotiate.

Later on Friday the rebels freed three of the hostages — two Russian women journalists and a driver.

Under the deal mediated by Russian officials, the Tajik government flew to Tajikistan from Afghanistan 35 supporters of the Sadrivos.

All the fighters, armed, have been freed and allowed to reach Sadrivos' base mountain base in a rocky region about 80 km from the Tajik capital Dushanbe and overlooking the village of Obigaram.

After the last group of fighters reached the Sadrivos' base, they were expected to set the remaining hostages free and let them walk about km down the mountain to Obigaram where Russian and Tajik government negotiators were waiting.

It was at that moment when the rebels apparently switched off their communications and their intentions remained unclear.

A spokesman for Tajik President Imomali Rakhmonov said earlier yesterday the fighters might withdraw to the mountains and take the hostages with them.

A Russian Television journalist said movement had been seen at the base and the rebels appeared to be loading their weapons into a truck.

# N.Korean defector to South shot

From Post news agencies

SEOUL - A North Korean defector to South Korea has been shot and injured by two gunmen in an attack apparently ordered by the communist state, a senior police officer said.

The defector, Li Il-nam (known in South Korea as Lee Han-yong), is a nephew of North Korean leader Kim Jong-il's girlfriend, he said.

Meanwhile in Beijing and with images of the Peru hostage crisis in mind, China said yesterday it could take "a very long time" to defuse a standoff caused by the defection to South Korea of a very senior North Korean official.

China's Foreign Ministry sought again to distance itself from the defection of Hwang Jang Yop, saying it was primarily up to the two Koreas to resolve his case.

Hwang, the highest-ranked North Korean ever to seek asylum in Seoul, has been held up in the South Korean consulate in Beijing since Wednesday, so strictly speaking he is "in fact now in South Korea," Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Chongli said.

"It so happens that the embassy is in Beijing, so that talks directly involve North Korea and South Korea," Guo said.

"Sometimes such incidents will take a very long time," Guo, speaking to reporters in Singapore, referred to the standoff in Peru, where Tupac Amaru guerrillas have held 72 hostages inside the Japanese ambassador's residence for more than eight weeks.

Guo did not say, however, whether China wanted the two Koreas to hold face-to-face talks, which could delay any resolution of the crisis, given the tensions between the Cold War-era rivals.

China tightened security yesterday around the consulate housing Hwang, and a North Korean delegation arrived in Beijing, presumably to try to get him back.

Chinese officers with AK-47 rifles and helmets patrolled in the early morning on the streets around the consulate, an armor-plated sedan waited outside its front door, and a six-wheeled truck with water cannons and mesh-covered windows was parked nearby.

Police stretched rolls of spikes to puncture car tires across sidewalks on the approach to the consulate and blocked roads with their cars. Helmeted officers with bulletproof vests also waited in a van, and extra police were posted around the tower block in another part of Beijing that houses the South Korean Embassy.

The extra security came after a car with North Korean diplomatic plates sped toward the police cordon, stopped a few

meters short and drove away Friday night.

North Koreans have tried twice to get past police and were waiting at intersections around the consulate again yesterday.

Their government claims Hwang was kidnapped and has warned it would retaliate.

Guo, who was in Singapore with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen for an Asia-Europe meeting, said Qian may have spoken again yesterday with Yoo Chong-ha, his South Korean counterpart.

Hwang, slight and bespectacled at 72, is a member of North Korea's highest decision-making body, the Central Committee of the Worker's Party, and a leading ideologue who once tutored Kim.

More than any previous defector, Hwang would be able to reveal to the rival government in Seoul the inner workings of Pyongyang's communist leadership.



**Skinnheads attacked in Berlin**  
A left-wing youth attacks a group of shaven headed rightwingers after a demonstration of about 500 leftwingers to protest against German neo-Nazis in Berlin's Hellersdorf district yesterday. Several people were injured, German police said. A demonstration of right-wing youths protesting to 'keep jobs for the Germans' was forbidden by German authorities.

# Clinton hails telecoms pact

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, hailing a landmark deal to open global telecommunications markets, said yesterday the United States would reap significant economic benefits.

"Today's agreement will bring clear benefits to American workers, businesses and consumers alike — new jobs, new markets and lower prices — and will spread the benefits of a technology revolution to citizens around the world," the president said in a statement issued by the White House.

In Geneva negotiators from about 70 countries agreed yesterday on a new global agreement to open telecommunications markets. The deal is expected to lower the cost of phone calls and improve technology.

The agreement was reached at the World Trade Organization only hours before a midnight deadline.

The last stumbling bloc was removed when the United States — the only holdout in the talks — said it was happy with other countries' liberalization offers.

The deal would phase out monopolies and restrictions on competition that have allowed telephone companies to "overcharge for calls and given them little incentive to improve services."

"We have reached an accord which will open the \$750 billion

world telecommunications market to American companies," US Representative Tom Bliley said in a statement.

The United States walked out of the talks last April, claiming that other countries had not done enough to open their markets. The talks were only saved by a decision to extend the deadline 10 months.

Some US Congress members have made it clear they are unhappy at Canada's 46.7 percent cap on foreign ownership, while the United States offers 100 percent.

Mexican and South Korean offers also restrict foreign ownership to under 50 percent and Japan has restricted foreign participation in its main two telephone companies to 20 percent.

Telecommunications is one of the most dynamic sectors of the world economy. Trade barriers have been blamed for preventing technological gains being passed on to the consumer.

For instance, it costs an estimated 2 cents per minute to provide a transatlantic phone link — the same as a local call. European consumers pay about \$2 per minute. Calls in India cost about 29 times more than in the free markets of the US.

Customers could gain \$1 trillion dollars over 14 years, according to some estimates. The developing world would also gain from improved telecommunications technology.

# Britain repudiates Sinn Fein

BELFAST (Reuters) - Britain yesterday ruled out any further contacts with the Sinn Fein political wing of the IRA, saying the murder of a British soldier in Northern Ireland had made any such meetings "inappropriate."

Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew told BBC radio that the soldier's death and an upsurge of IRA attacks in the British-ruled province had made it even more difficult for Sinn Fein to enter all-party peace talks even if guerrillas renewed their truce.

Stephen Restorick, who was shot dead at an army checkpoint last Wednesday, was the second British soldier to be killed in Northern Ireland since the Irish Republican Army declared an end to its 17-month ceasefire a year ago.

Mayhew said that Sinn Fein leader Gerry

Adams had requested a meeting with British government officials last week.

"The government has said since the end of the ceasefire in February that if Sinn Fein wishes to have a meeting with British officials, then depending upon the circumstances and what's happening on the ground that could be arranged."

"But there is no ground for any doubt about our position. In the light of the events of this week it certainly isn't appropriate now," Mayhew said.

He said words alone from Sinn Fein were not enough to convince people that the IRA would be serious about any new truce in its battle to end British rule of N. Ireland.

"You cannot then come along and say we now declare an unequivocal restoration of our cease-

fire and expect that to be accepted after not only the murder of this young soldier but all the other attempts that have been made (on the security forces)," Mayhew said.

Mayhew said the British government wanted to see Sinn Fein take its place at peace talks which started in June last year but have become bogged down in wrangling and procedural issues.

But he added: "We can't put a precise time to that, you've got to look at all the circumstances, you've got to see whether they still are targeting and researching into new weapons."

Political analysts in both Britain and Northern Ireland believe the peace process is now deadlocked until general elections which Prime Minister John Major must hold by May 22.

# Georgia waives diplomat's crash immunity

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Maryland (AP) — The republic of Georgia has waived diplomatic immunity for a Washington-based diplomat implicated in a car crash that

killed a teenager, the US State Department said yesterday.

Spokesman Nicholas Burns said the next step in the legal process facing George Makharadze is for the Justice Department to file formal charges.

Burns said the State Department will transmit Georgia's official notification to Justice on Tuesday. Tomorrow is a national holiday in the US.

Makharadze's car slammed into two cars waiting at a downtown Washington stoplight on January 3.

# Juppe stands by tough immigrant law

PARIS (AP) — Prime Minister Alain Juppe yesterday stood by a tough proposed immigration law as a civil disobedience movement by French film directors widened to include writers, doctors, lawyers, musicians and artists.

Criticized as appeasing the far-right National Front, the law requires foreigners' hosts to report the departure of their guests, and directors promise to ignore the law if approved by the National Assembly.

The debate came during a tumultuous week in which the Front won its fourth City Hall and the directors took a train down to the Front-controlled city of Toulon to protest the mayor's battle with

managers of a public theater.

Juppe yesterday said lawmakers would still consider the immigration law February 25-26, while a growing number of professions launched their own petition drives to protest the legislation. Some called for a barrage of protests on the prime minister's Internet site.

"I think that if one calmly looks at the text, with a bit less passion, one will realize it is balanced," the conservative prime minister told reporters.

Juppe's aides denied a comment by writer Guy Sorman, a Juppe aide, that he believed the prime minister opposed the clause on reporting foreign guests to authorities, calling it "one article too many."

# Brothers to rule in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - The Pakistan Muslim League (PML) party, which won a landslide victory in general elections this month and has named its leader Nawaz Sharif to be prime minister, chose his younger brother yesterday to rule the country's most populous Punjab province.

The unusual decision followed widespread speculation about the role Sharif's younger brother Shabbaz Sharif could play in the next government after the February 3 election.

Punjab PML president Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, who himself was candidate for the same office, announced the choice of Shabbaz to be Punjab chief minister at a news conference.

Both Nawaz and Shabbaz are certain to be elected to the two offices because of big PML majorities in the 217-seat National Assembly and the 248-seat Punjab assembly.

It will be the first time in Pakistan that a brother of a prime minister in office will be chief executive in a province.

Shujaat Hussain said the choice of Shabbaz as chief minister would be ratified by the PML's provincial parliamentary group on Tuesday, a day after the National Assembly is to elect Nawaz as prime minister for the second time.

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## In the ballpark

An outside observer might not have been able to see much difference in Washington's reaction to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's fourth visit to the White House in eight short months. But if such things were allowed in polite diplomatic circles, the sound that would have emanated from Washington officialdom this weekend would have been a loud sigh of relief.

For the first time since Netanyahu took office, the Clinton administration feels that it is talking to the Israeli government from the same sheet of paper. On both the Palestinian and Syrian tracks, the Netanyahu government is not at the same place, nor taking quite the same approach, as the previous government. But it is clearly, as Americans might say "in the ballpark." As President Clinton said after a three-hour meeting with Netanyahu, the significance of the Hebron agreement went considerably beyond the fate of that one city; it "renewed the partnership between Israelis and Palestinians."

The Netanyahu government has also turned over a new leaf in terms of how it deals with the United States. Until this visit, Netanyahu had not presented a comprehensive picture to the US of the full game plan for the peace process—including the outlines of Israel's approach to final status negotiations with the Palestinians and to a settlement with Syria.

This renewed level of candor with which previous Israeli governments worked with the US is welcome, appropriate, and overdue.

There may well be disagreements with the US over this plan on the long road ahead, but it is highly significant that the Israeli government now has a plan, and that the plan has been presented to Clinton. Now the US is reassured that it has something that can be worked with, and this fact will greatly facilitate the overall American-Israeli relationship.

Netanyahu seems to have succeeded in repairing the relationship with the US by carving out an approach that is consistent with the path of his predecessors, but not identical to it. Slowly but surely, he is defining what the "Likudification" of the Oslo process means in practice. At this stage, Clinton may have a better idea what it means than most of Israel's cabinet, let alone the people of Israel.

What is already clear, however, is that Netanyahu is striving for a formula that will keep the peace process alive and well, not one that will cause it to explode or fall apart. It is too soon to tell whether that formula will succeed,

but whatever it is, it seems to be within the range of reason for Washington, and probably will be for the wide majority of Israelis.

Now that Netanyahu has made his pitch, a series of Arab leaders will also visit the American capital over the next month or so. With regard to these meetings, Netanyahu has, in fairness, requested that Washington do what it does best: Persuade these leaders to warm their relations with Israel. The US will push for a restarting of the long dormant multilateral talks, and request that the Arab states take concrete actions to reinforce the peace process.

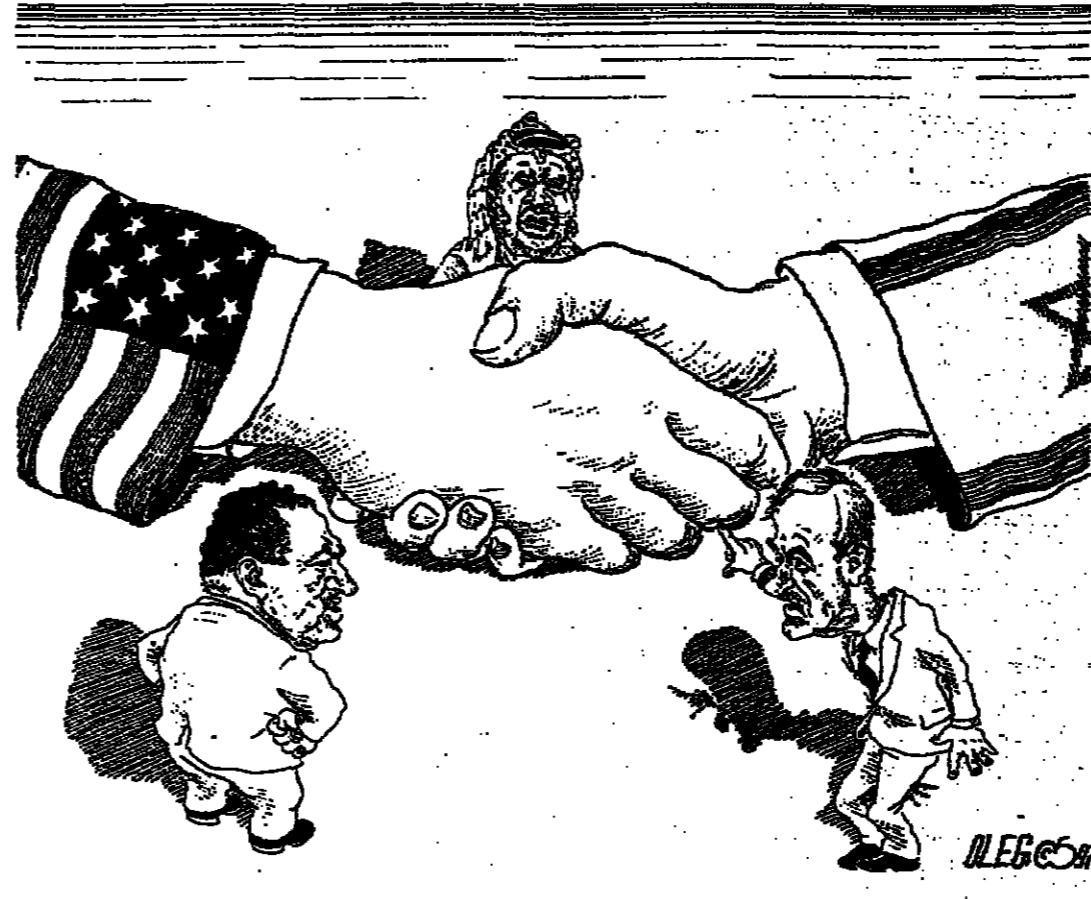
It is about time that the Arab states do so—they cannot expect the Netanyahu government to continue to tear itself apart over the peace process and receive nothing but scowls and threats in return from the Arab world.

This requirement to reciprocate goes not just for the Arab world in general but for Syria and the Palestinians in particular. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat can no longer act as if Netanyahu's commitment to the peace process is in question. Redeploying in Hebron was a tough pill for Israel to swallow; now Arafat has bitter medicine of his own to take—he must dismantle the terrorist infrastructure of Hamas and other groups opposed to the peace process.

It is not enough to rein in terrorist groups on a temporary basis, while keeping them in reserve for a rainy day. Thinking that the current calm will continue without carrying out Oslo's commitment to disarm militias is shortsighted—the time to act is now, not after, heaven forbid, the next terrorist atrocity.

Regarding the Syrian track, the ball is clearly in Damascus's court. Israel has refrained from linking the opening of talks to Syria ending its proxy war against Israel in Lebanon. Israel has said that it will talk on the basis of UN Resolutions 242 and 338, which is diplomatically for "land for peace." Netanyahu may not be willing to go as far as Peres would have, but the notion of territorial compromise is clearly in the air.

Netanyahu deserves credit for not resting on his laurels from the Hebron agreement. Instead, he cemented US confidence in his commitment to achieving a secure peace with a candid presentation of his vision for the road ahead. The United States will now, it is hoped, do its part in the meetings ahead with Arab leaders. And Netanyahu has the task of explaining his vision to his people at home.



## Leaving Lebanon

GERALD M. STEINBERG

A military strategy—as in just about everything else that's important—timing is everything. The "right" move at the wrong time can become a disaster in the months and years that follow.

In the public debate over what to do about the war of attrition in southern Lebanon, and in light of the growing rate of casualties, including the horrendous number lost in the helicopter disaster earlier this month, growing emphasis is being placed on the unilateral withdrawal option.

Advocates of this strategy recognize that the continued Israeli presence in the area provides Iran and Syria with an ideal situation for picking off Israeli soldiers one at a time, or waiting for operational accidents to cause even greater casualties.

By getting out, under conditions that we set, the argument goes, Israel can emerge stronger and more secure.

While there is no evidence that Hizbullah will end its attacks on Israel just because the IDF leaves southern Lebanon, the Israeli border can be protected from the Israeli side of the fence. Proponents claim that a sophisticated network of overhead intelligence systems (drones with cameras), can provide real-time intelligence to identify all movement in the security zone.

In response to detected movement toward the Israeli border, long-range and precision guided rockets and helicopter gunships would be able to strike the infiltrators.

At the same time, air force attacks on command positions and ammunition storage areas in other parts of Lebanon, and, in particular, strikes against convoys carrying the weapons to the terrorists, would continue to be necessary.

In tactical terms, this plan, if fully implemented, could succeed.

However, precisely because the discussion of withdrawal is taking place in the shadow of the helicopter accident and the recent deaths from Hizbullah attacks, the timing for unilateral withdrawal is

not right, even with the implementation of an alternative security system.

TO SUCCEED, unilateral withdrawal must also prevent any weakening of Israel's overall deterrence.

All the parties on the other side must be made aware of the high price they will pay if they attack

**Unilateral withdrawal? It could work. But we have to wait for the right time**

Israel, and of the ability and intention of the Israeli leadership to act forcefully—out of proportion, if necessary—against continued Hizbullah attacks.

While such conditions may have existed in the midst of last year's Operation Grapes of Wrath, they do not exist now. During that Israeli counterattack, the terrorist groups were forced to deplete their ammunition, to reveal the sites of secret storage areas, which were then bombed; and they were losing their civilian cover (until the mistake at Kfar Kana).

The Lebanese government, as well as the Syrians, were concerned that the IDF's deep-penetration attacks into Beirut and other parts of Lebanon would end foreign investment and economic recovery. Syria was also concerned with the potential loss of jobs for its "guest workers" in Lebanon.

At that time, Hizbullah was significantly weakened.

Strategically, that was the best time to pull out—either unilaterally, with a clear statement of conditions and requirements, or on the basis of a tacit agreement brokered and guaranteed by a third party (the US and/or France).

The overhead intelligence sys-

tem could have been put into place and operation before Hizbullah could react.

In contrast, were Israel to pull out now, it would reap none of the benefits and bear all of the costs.

Throughout the region, withdrawal would be seen as a sign of weakness; it would invite challenges from Iran and Syria, and perhaps even be seen in similar terms by Palestinians and others.

This is not to say that Israel should initiate an escalation process that will lead to a massive attack along the lines of Grapes of Wrath, after which it would make a unilateral exit. However, this process is taking shape anyway, as a result of the steady attacks from Hizbullah.

The main point is that when, as seems inevitable, the IDF has to launch another major attack in Lebanon, the military and political leadership should be prepared to couple a cease-fire to withdrawal, under terms and conditions that are set unilaterally.

After such a demonstration of firepower and determination, the impact of withdrawal on overall deterrence would be minimal, and, in fact, could actually enhance the region's perception of Israeli capabilities.

The bottom line is that while unilateral or tacit withdrawal from Lebanon is the right strategy, the timing is not right now. The conditions for success must be created first.

This does not necessarily require another full-scale military campaign like Operation Accountability or Grapes of Wrath, but it does mean that the IDF will have to take the initiative and inflict significant losses on Hizbullah and their supporters in Lebanon first.

Otherwise, we will all pay a heavy price in the months and years to come.

The writer is a senior research fellow at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

# Choose now

LARRY DERFNER

During our almost 12 years in Lebanon's "security zone" (one of the more Orwellian terms in the Israeli political lexicon), 181 Israeli soldiers have been killed. This doesn't include "collateral" deaths from accidents, suicides, etc.

(Incidentally, the number of South Lebanese Army soldiers—our allies—who have been killed comes to 346.)

When one of our soldiers dies up there, we go through a heavy moment or two. When they get killed in groups of three or more, we go through a couple of days of anxiety, and ask: "What can we do, what can we do?" Then we forget about it again.

Now, with 73 soldiers killed on their way to Lebanon, we've experienced an emotional trauma, and in the aftermath we're going through the motions of coming to grips with the situation and trying to find a way out of it.

But this, too, will pass. Even now, especially now, we are afraid to look the devil in the eye.

It's not that we don't have any options in Lebanon, it's that we do—but both options are so repellent that we'd rather not think about them.

The real enemy, everyone understands, is Syria. It is ultimately because of Hafez Assad that our soldiers are getting killed by Hizbullah in the security zone, and only Assad can call Hizbullah off.

But we are unwilling to engage the enemy. We won't do what's necessary to make peace in Lebanon, because that means giving the Golan Heights back to Syria. It means settling the war in Lebanon essentially on Assad's terms.

And while we won't give in to Assad, we won't force him to give in to us, either. We don't fire.

**On our path in Lebanon, patience is deadly. We can't look away anymore**

on Syrian soldiers in Lebanon, and we certainly don't go into Syria itself, for fear of setting off a full-scale war.

Instead, we decide not to decide.

We tell ourselves that maybe things will work out in the future, and we look away while our soldiers face Hizbullah.

After the helicopter crash, though, this haplessness of ours will not do.

We have to take matters into our hands, and solve this problem like adults.

A NUMBER of MKs have come up with a creative proposal: Forget Assad. He doesn't matter.

If we can just get the US, France, Egypt, Jordan and Morocco to send their soldiers into the security zone, we can bring ours home. That way we won't have to give up the Golan, we won't have to fight Syria, and the war will be over.

The idea is that foreign countries, even Arab countries, will send their armies into southern Lebanon against the will of Hizbullah and Syria—just to protect us.

This isn't creative thinking, it's escapism. It's a continuation of the way we've dealt with Lebanon for the last 12 years.

It doesn't bring the war any closer to an end, but rather prolongs it.

While we dream at home, we cause Assad no pain on the battlefield—and he causes us plenty. He grows stronger, while we grow weaker.

We need to face the enemy and decide whether to fight him or concede. Patience is a virtue only if you're on the right path. On our path in Lebanon, patience is deadly. We need to choose now.

I once wrote in this space against giving up the Golan Heights—without making a single mention of Lebanon.

In this time when no one can ignore Lebanon, I've changed my mind. The Golan just isn't worth sending our soldiers to fight and die for in a corrosive, endless war.

Most Israelis still think like I used to. But now they need to answer the question: What's to keep today's children out of the "security zone" in another 12 years? I don't think they'll answer it, though.

In a very short time, when the memory of the 73 dead soldiers loses its power, the Israeli "home front" will resume its traditional, doomed approach to Lebanon: If we don't think about it, maybe it'll go away.

The writer is a journalist living in Tel Aviv.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE SECULAR

Sir, — As a Religious Zionist who takes pride in the increasing role that this segment of the community is playing in public life, including the military, I believe that the helicopter tragedy and the response of the general public are proof that the post-Zionist, cosmopolitan intellectual elite and its supporters are guilty of a grave injustice against the so-called secular component of our society.

For several years, we have been bombarded with statistics and opinion polls of questionable accuracy, which indicate that motivation among the secular to serve the country is on the wane. Even granting that there may be problems in this area that require resolution, it is evident from the cross-section of young Israelis from every segment of society and social status who met their tragic deaths protecting the northern border, that these data were tendentious and interpreted to meet the prejudices of a particular stratum of our society. It appears that the post-Zionists and their publicists, the opinion makers and distributors of ideas, have been doing nothing more than describing their own feelings and generalizing. Doubtless, every form of motivation was represented on that ill-fated mission, from the very altruistic to the very personal-national duty, religious obligation, professional responsibility, group identification, social pressure, personal challenge — to name a few. Certainly some of these should be encouraged and nurtured for the long-term survival of the state. But the bottom line is that young men and women, fully aware that this nation is in a state of war, voluntarily endanger and, sadly, lose their lives defending all of us.

Ginot Shomron.

### PRISONERS OF ZION

Sir, — Batsheva Tsur's article on the front page of *The Jerusalem Post* of February 7 reports that former Prisoners of Zion subsist on the most meager of living allowances.

Meanwhile, most Israeli youth in this generation have little or no idea what a prisoner of Zion is or was, as they have little exposure to the heroic efforts that we witnessed over a period of more than 20 years, when Jewish heroes from the USSR, Romania, Ethiopia, Argentina and other countries risked their lives for the right to come to Israel and encourage others to do the same.

The highest level of help in the Jewish tradition is to provide an opportunity to make a living.

I am therefore pleased to announce the formation of a Prisoners of Zion Speakers Bureau, so that schools, youth movements, community centers, immigrant organizations, labor unions, businesses, clubs and political groups of all streams can ask the former Prisoners of Zion to speak and appear at seminars to describe this story of Zionism which now escapes our attention. This will also give former Prisoners of Zion the opportunity to earn a living during their years in Israel, after the heavy price that they paid, which so often involved long jail sentences and torture for Zionist activity.

Those interested in inviting lecturers from the Prisoners of Zion Speakers Bureau may write to the undersigned at The Institute for Peace Education, P.O.B. 2265, Jerusalem, or fax me at (02) 623-6470.

SARA ROSENBLUM,  
Executive Secretary  
Jerusalem.

### LONGEVITY

Sir, — I thank Dr. Friedman (Letters, February 2) for his comments about my article on longevity. Unfortunately, he seems to have missed the point of my piece. While we both agree that it is of utmost importance to improve the quality of life of older people, I would direct society's scarce resources

to the significant issues of falls, over-medication, appropriate rehabilitation and institutional services for example, rather than to the trivial concerns of "wrinkles, brown spots and broken blood vessels."

PROF. A. MARK CLARFIELD,  
M.D.  
Jerusalem.

### NO FREE CHOICE

Sir, — Ann Hutchings ("Sick and tired," February 4) makes the point that she has been treated badly here in Israel, simply because she is not Jewish, even though she wishes to stay here.

There is no excuse for rudeness on the part of anyone, least of all government employees. However, any Israeli, new immigrant or not, can point to occasions of being treated rudely or inappropriately by those who are supposed to be helpful. It is not limited to non-Jews who want to live here.

Ms. Hutchings's desire to live in Israel may be very strong. But I think it is important to note that a desire to live in a country, in the world today, is simply not enough. How many people worldwide would like to live in the US, for example, but cannot, because they cannot get work permits or permission to immigrate? The illegal immigration problem in the US speaks for itself.

And how many others would like to live in Europe, but cannot, because, likewise, they cannot work legally, and therefore cannot pay rent or buy food?

Why does Ms. Hutchings feel that Israel should be the only country in the world to freely open its doors to anyone who wants to be here? That we open those doors to Jews, for them to come to their homeland, should not mean that the doors should or could be open to the world. In a better world, perhaps anyone could live anywhere he chose; for now, that world does not exist.

SUSAN CHASIN  
Gan Yavne.

### THE NEGEV

Sir, — I would like to express my disappointment. I am a former Jerusalemite who moved last spring to Mitzpe Ramon in the Negev. My disappointment concerns the almost total lack of informative articles (on a regular basis) about this area of Israel.

I am sure that readers all over the country would benefit from a more complete coverage of the south and perhaps, as I was, may even be influenced to join us here.

ANNETTE FEIN  
Mitzpe Ramon.

## POSTSCRIPTS

AUTHORITIES in eastern India may want to rethink security measures at military installations to protect against a BIG threat — elephants.

Two adult elephants strayed from their herd and wandered toward an air force base at Kalaikunda, a key military installation close to the Nepalese and Chinese borders. The animals crashed through three security fences and began smashing everything in their way when they spotted several parked fighter jets.

Try as they might, the elephants were unable to overturn the jets.

A MAN who robbed a Girl Scout and her mother of money and a box of cookies was sentenced to life in prison.

Cleveland Johnson, 29, was proclaimed by the court a habitual offender. His accomplice, John Pellicer, 20, was given an 8 1/2 year term.

The two robbed 8-year-old Lisa Ramon at gunpoint outside a Tampa supermarket, stealing less than \$100 and a box of cookies.

While Pellicer had only a single misdemeanor on his record, Johnson had a long criminal record.

NEW DRIVERS demoralized by a day of angry honks and rude gestures, take heart. Moscow has unveiled a monument to your sufferings.

Unlike most monuments in the city, this one doesn't present its subject as noble, determined or deep in thought.

Instead, it plays on the Russian slang for a novice driver — "chamnik," or teapot.

A figure of a man with a head shaped like a teapot stands on a pot-shaped car. His arms, made of springs, wave ineffectually. The car itself has big bug-eyed headlights and a propeller at the front.

"I wanted to create something kind, cheerful, with some kind of irony," sculptor Andrei Blagonadzhin said. "In Moscow we have very few humorous things."

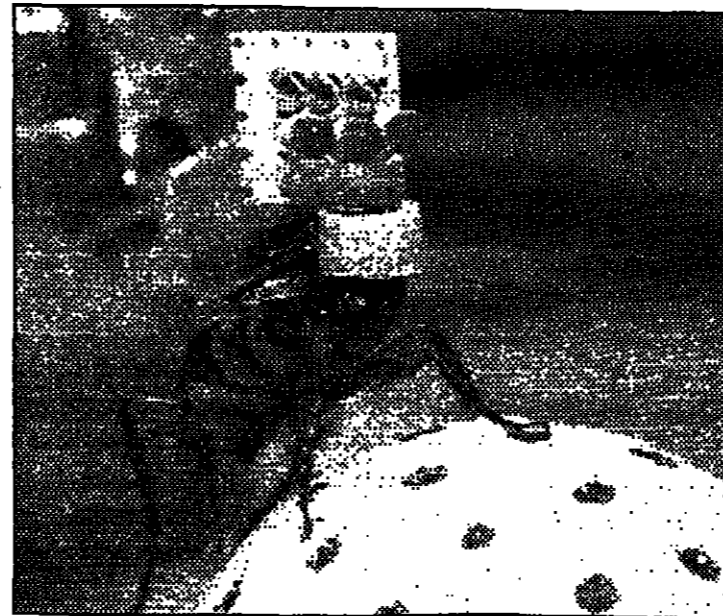
The monument was unveiled to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Russia enacting its first traffic laws.

THE WORLD'S largest particle accelerator was brought to a halt for five days by two empty beer bottles, the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) said.

A CERN spokesman said experiments at the LEP Collider, a 27-km ring under the Franco-Swiss border where subatomic particles are smashed together at near the speed of light, began to fail for no apparent reason.

Five days later a team that entered the \$1 billion accelerator found the two beer bottles in a vacuum chamber.

## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



These days even cockroaches are hi-tech. This bug is lugging a backpack containing a microprocessor and electrode set, while conducting experiments for a bio-robot research lab in Tokyo. (AP)

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A marriage of Chinese entrepreneurial skill and British administrative rectitude has made Hong Kong a financial titan of Asia, where per-capita income and Rolls-Royce ownership is greater than Britain's.

On July 1, that can-do spirit faces its greatest challenge, when 156 years of colonial rule end and China recovers sovereignty over Hong Kong.

It's a march into the unknown. This is not just the largest corporate merger in history, but an attempt by a Communist superpower to absorb a capitalist Mighty Mouse without damaging the legal fabric and civil liberties that made it mighty.

Looking at the booming stock exchange, property market, and those ever-swelling foreign reserves, it's tempting to conclude that Hong Kong is taking even this monumental challenge in its stride. Contrary to the dire predictions, all indicators suggest confidence in the change of sovereignty is high. There is no flight of capital, no mass emigration. The judges still wear wigs, and there's cricket every Sunday.

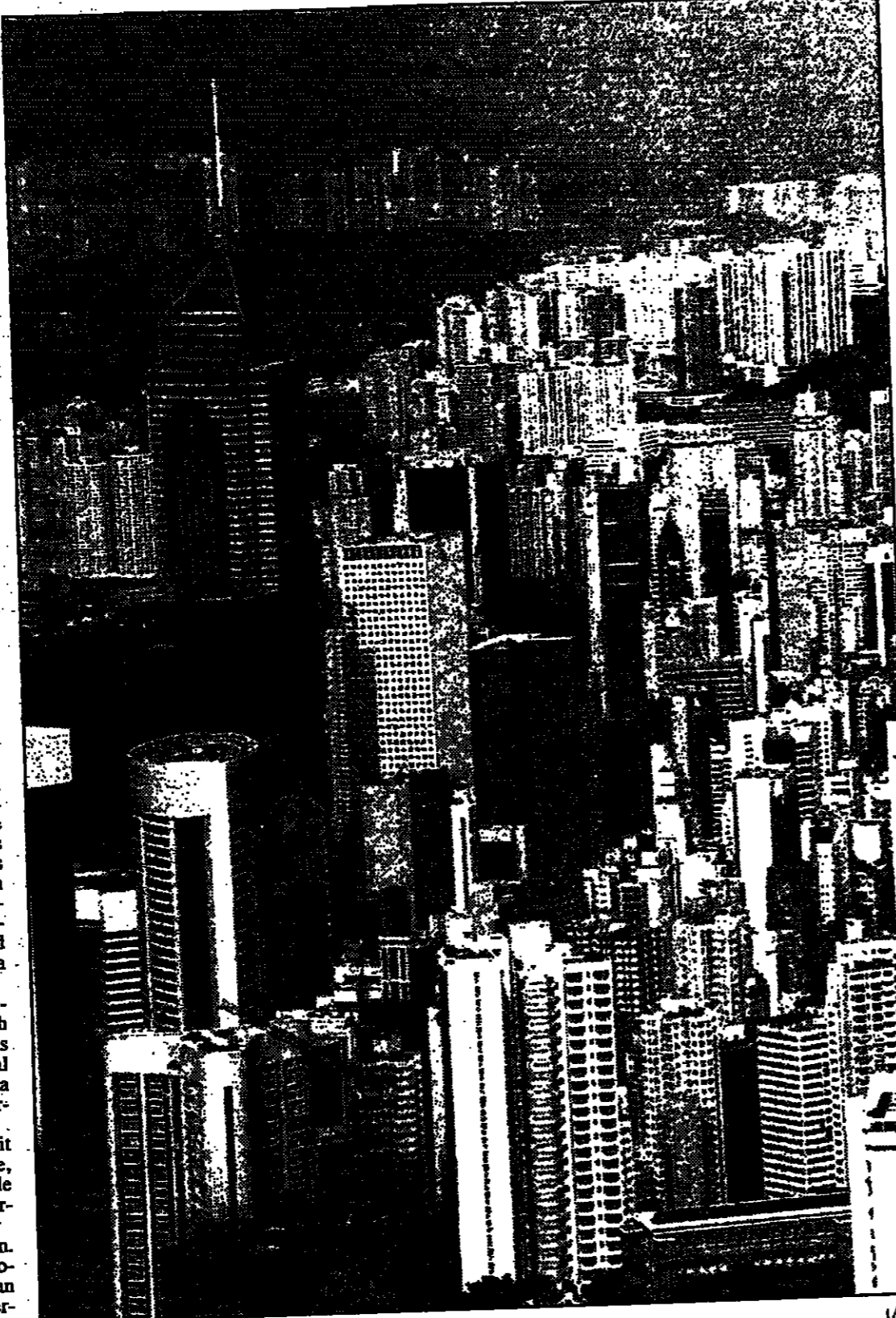
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But China's sweeping promises become vaguer in the details. It has hinted in many ways that it will be less tolerant of dissent than the British were. It keeps a chilly distance from the Democratic Party, which is highly critical of the Chinese government but is also Hong Kong's most popular party. Beijing plans to scrap Hong Kong's elected legislature pending elections in 1998 and to roll back some of the civil liberties laws enacted late in the British colonial era, on the grounds that it wasn't consulted.

This is happening at a time when a new generation of elected politicians is only just beginning to tackle the downside of Hong Kong's economic miracle — poverty, limited union rights, and lack of social security. Now they could find themselves frozen out by pro-business legislators, the kind preferred by China because they keep the profits coming in.

The best Hong Kong can hope for is that while Chinese sovereignty will inevitably make it more Chinese, it can keep the best of what it acquired as a colony. As Tung Chee-hwa, the man who will head the semi-autonomous government of Hong Kong, has put it: "Combining the best of the East and the West makes each and everyone of us a better person and in turn makes our society that much stronger."



Hong Kong island view from Victoria Peak. (AP)

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Tung Chee Hwa, who will head Hong Kong's semi-autonomous government. (AP)

# Britain conducted germ warfare tests over London

Britain conducted secret germ warfare experiments over London and southern England during the Cold War, the government confirmed earlier this month.

Scientists tested three bacteria which the government said were "completely harmless" in both rural and inner city areas between 1964 and 1977.

"They were bacteria that would act in a similar way to a true biological agent," said Rupert Cazelet.

Cazelet is spokesman for the Defense Evaluation and Research Agency which is responsible for Porton Down, Britain's biological defense establishment.

"But they were harmless, and they were made more harmless by being denatured or killed," he said.

"We were looking to see how they were dispersed and how the air currents carried them around. We were not looking to infect people, absolutely not."

Defense Secretary Michael Portillo confirmed the experiments had taken place in a letter to opposition Labor Party lawmaker Ken Livingstone, which was quoted in *The Sunday*

*Telegraph*. Portillo said the experiments were designed to "determine the effect of environmental conditions on the viability of organisms."

He stressed that the agents were "judged to present no risk to public health." The scientists used three bacteria: bacillus globigii, killed serratia marcescens, and E Coli 162.

According to Public Record documents quoted by the paper, two types of trials took place. In one, the agents were placed in a box, driven to different locations and released. In the other, they were sprayed into the air.

*The Sunday Telegraph* quoted several doctors as saying the three types of bacteria could cause infection or illness, but Cazelet stressed that the actual bacteria used in the experiments had been rendered harmless.

Livingstone said the tests were bizarre and called for an independent inquiry with independent doctors and analysts to follow up what had happened to Londoners exposed to the agents.

"These people were flying completely blind when they released those simulants. They

didn't know what they could do," he said.

"They're guessing when they say no one was affected and I'm guessing that people were affected."

No one really knows so we have to have a full independent inquiry."

Biological warfare has been a major concern of the United States and its Western allies since the 1930s.

British scientists released real disease-causing bacteria in a series of sea trials off Scotland and on Caribbean islands in the late 1940s and early 1950s. *The Sunday Telegraph* said.

In the US, the paper said, the most notorious experiment occurred in San Francisco in 1950 when two naval ships steamed up and down outside the Golden Gate Bridge spraying bacillus globigii and serratia marcescens.

Almost all of the city's 800,000 residents were exposed, it said. (AP)

## ON CAMERA

# On-line photos

By DAVID BRAUNER



Ben-Ya'acov hopes to make rolls of film obsolete. (David Brauner)

PhotoNet is poised to do for photography what the Internet and electronic mail (e-mail) have done for correspondence. Without leaving your home, you can now send, receive, and order reprints of family snapshots originating anywhere in the world through a home computer.

At the same time that a color film is processed at the store or by mail, for a few dollars more it can be scanned at high resolution and uploaded on the Internet. The customer is messaged via e-mail that the film is online and issued with a roll number and password. "Thumbnails" (small/contact size images) may then be viewed on the computer screen. The images may be enlarged on screen, downloaded onto hard disk, or sent anywhere in the world via e-mail. There is also a "home printing" option (provided your computer is equipped with a specialized printer in 5 1/4 in. bay) that produces surprisingly high quality hard copies.

Recipients can order reprints of the new baby or the graduate simply by filling out an electronic order form. For relatives and friends who don't have computers, PhotoNet sends out a postcard with instructions on how to order by phone. Images remain online for 30 days. A long-term archiving and photo album option is also available.

The PhotoNet concept is the brainchild of Ya'acov Ben-Ya'acov, co-founder and president of PictureVision Israel, and his partners Phil Garfinkle and Elliot Jaffe. Ben-Ya'acov, who divides his year equally between Israel and the US, is in charge of the young company's Israeli-based research and development operations. The US sales and

marketing headquarters are located in Sterling, Virginia. On Camera caught up with Ben-Ya'acov at the firm's new R&D center in Jerusalem's Har Hotzvim High Tech Park.

Ben-Ya'acov, 30, an Israeli-born American, studied robotics and computer engineering at the Jerusalem College of Technology (Machon Lev). His five-year stint in the IDF's Command and Control Systems branch were spent in computing and high-volume information transfer of graphic materials in the field. After the army, he worked as a consultant, and then for two years in international business development for Applicom Systems, where he gained "experience equivalent to an MBA." Here, Ben-Ya'acov also met his partners, Garfinkle and Jaffe, who together decided to form PictureVision in May 1995.

"In the US 750 million rolls of film are processed annually and another 750 million in the rest of the world, of which 300-400 million are processed in Japan, notes Ben-Ya'acov." He says that the American public are willing to pay to be on e-mail in order to communicate with their families. Statistics also show that 10 percent of clients processing a film in the US opt for an additional \$6 (36 exposures) to have their pictures digitalized on a disk in order to view them on a home computer screen.

Another crucial factor in the PhotoNet equation is that only 2 to 3 percent of customers come back for reprints and enlargements. Ben-Ya'acov estimates that in reality "7 to 20 percent want to order reprints, but over five percent find it too much trouble and too time-consuming to look for negatives and go back to the photo finishers for the service."

However, if through PhotoNet's "sharing environment," people can easily order reprints and enlargements, or create personalized greeting cards and gift items like picture rugs and jigsaw puzzles, any time, anywhere on a computer, an entirely new volume of business is being created.

"If we could raise the reprint rate to 5 percent for every film processed," says Ben-Ya'acov, "the initial scanning could be free." PictureVision has taken on board several of America's largest photo-finishing outlets and some of the top mail-order and wholesale labs, and is presently negotiating with photo-industry leaders. Ben-Ya'acov has also teamed with Plaza Create, a retail chain that controls 10 percent of Japan's photo-processing trade.

Venture capital firms have invested \$5.6 million in PictureVision. Although the PhotoNet technology was successfully tested last August in Jerusalem between a local photo shop and the PictureVision offices, Ben-Ya'acov concedes that Israeli photo finishers will not be equipped for PhotoNet until the end of 1997.

PhotoNet is on the Internet at <http://www.photonet.com> or e-mail [yaacov@photonet.com](mailto:yaacov@photonet.com)

## HEADS 'N' TAILS

# A chew worse than a bite

By DVORA BEN SHAUL

A reader has asked what she could possibly do about a young Labrador, some six or eight months old, that simply destroys everything in the house that is within its reach every time it is left alone.

Puppies are notorious for chewing on things and this is no surprise to anyone. Just as toddlers touch and grasp at every item within reach, so a dog takes everything into its mouth, which is its principal sensory avenue. The dog is, in part, making an effort to get acquainted with its environment and to a large extent relieving its boredom when left alone.

As the dog gets older it becomes more familiar with things around it and has less and less need to explore them and the "straight to the mouth" syndrome eases up.

Certain breeds are more avid chewers of carpets, shoes, clothing, books and toys than others — especially young German shepherds and terriers. But some dogs do have this tendency to an exaggerated degree and go on to simply eat everything they encounter.

A few years ago it was customary to X-ray the hips of pups of certain breeds at the age of six months in order to try to weed out those with hip dysplasia. In doing so one usually got a picture of the stomach and intestines as well. It was amazing to find out just what puppies are capable of ingesting. Observers reported everything from nails to small toys.

Surprisingly, none of these pups seemed to suffer any ill consequences from these objects and most of them passed through the digestive tract with no problem. The exception to this seemed to be synthetic materials such as kitchen sponges, which

do cause a lot of trouble and result in intestinal obstructions.

Usually a dog does outgrow such behavior and by a year-and-a-half or so it has settled down. But there are some dogs that do not outgrow this stage and they remain a problem for years. Training isn't always the answer either, although a dog can learn to avoid certain items.

But in the meantime, the only thing that can be done is to limit the dog's access to most of the house by securing it in one place, even a small room where everything that can be destroyed has been put out of reach. Of course, once everything that's to be protected has been removed, the dog should have a good supply of the things that it is allowed to chew. Sometimes this step makes life a little better for everyone concerned until, one hopes, the animal has outgrown these very distressing habits and settled down.

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# New Zealand in good shape on Day 2 of Test

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand - New Zealand moved into a strong position at stumps yesterday on the second day of the third cricket Test with England at Lancaster Park. England was 145-5 at stumps, still trailing the home side by 201 runs with three days to play. Captain Mike Atherton had spent 204 minutes at the crease to be 66 not out, while Dominic Cork was on 16 after 75 minutes. The pair had stopped a mid-order tumble with an unbroken 41-run stand. "He's in nothing like his best form, but there's glimpses of his strength of character," England coach David Lloyd said of Atherton.

"He's a very strong personality and he's a lad who is selling his wicket dearly. Now we've got to play sensible and strong cricket, and we haven't done that." "We batted sloppily, with the exception of Atherton. We've got a lot of work to do for the rest of the game as a result of the way we lost easy wickets in the afternoon. They were airy fairy shots, poor shot selection."

New Zealand, 346 in its first innings, needs to win the Test to level the three-match series. Lively left arm Geoff Allott picked up three wickets as England's batsmen played a series of loose strokes, finishing the day with 3-49.

New Zealand's innings yesterday, resuming at 229-5, revolved around recalled wicketkeeper Adam Parore and all-rounder Chris Cairns, who added 82 in 103 minutes for the sixth wicket.

Parore reached 59 while Cairns made 57, his second half century in five innings during the series. Tailenders Daniel Vettori and Heath Davis added a breezy 27 in 33 minutes for the ninth wicket before offspinner Robert Croft finished the innings by taking his fifth wicket.

He finished with 5-95 off 39.1 overs, his best Test figures.

Parore went to his 50 cracking

New Zealand 1st Innings table with columns for batsman, runs, and balls.

England 1st Innings table with columns for batsman, runs, and balls.

India Innings table with columns for batsman, runs, and balls.

Zimbabwe Innings table with columns for batsman, runs, and balls.

England 2nd Innings table with columns for batsman, runs, and balls.

Atlanta Hawks table with columns for player, points, and rebounds.

Chicago Bulls table with columns for player, points, and rebounds.

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# Forest, Leeds FA Cup upset victims

LONDON (AP) - Second Division Chesterfield ousted Nottingham Forest 1-0 and Division One Portsmouth scored a 3-2 win at Leeds yesterday on yet another day of amazing upsets in the FA Cup.

A 54th minute penalty by Tom Curtis after Forest's Welsh international goalkeeper Mark Crossley had been sent off put Chesterfield into the last eight for the first time in its history. The last time it had made the fifth round - the last 16 - was in 1950.

Leeds went into its game against Portsmouth after four games without conceding a goal but let in three to Portsmouth's Alan McLoughlin, Swedish forward Matthias Svensson and Lee Bradbury.

Although Lee Bowyer replied twice for George Graham's team, Leeds was yet another big club to go out.

Already, defending titlist Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal, Newcastle, Tottenham, Aston Villa and Everton had failed to make the last 16 so that Chelsea, which visits Leicester today, has a great chance to win the competition for the first time since 1970.

Wimbledon fell behind to Division One Queens Park Rangers at home but rallied to score a 2-1 victory to make it to the last eight.

After veteran Mark Hateley had headed Rangers in front, Marcus Gayle and Robbie Earle turned the game the Premier League club's way. Brazilian star Juninho scored the only goal as Middlesbrough scored a 1-0 victory at Manchester City.

In a fourth round game, which was held up by postponements and a replay, Blackburn tumbled 2-1 at home to Coventry despite going ahead through Tim Sherwood after only 50 seconds.

Eoin Jess leveled for the Sky Blues and Darren Huckerby fired what proved to be the winner. Veteran Coventry goalkeeper Steve Grigg also saved a penalty by Chris Sutton and Coventry now meets Derby for a place in the last eight.

There was another upset at Birmingham, where the Division One team lost 3-1 at home to Division Two Wrexham, a noted team-killer which has ousted giants like Arsenal and West Ham in the past.

After former Manchester United star Steve Bruce had fired his first goal for Birmingham, the Welsh team hit back at St. Andrews with goals by Brian Hughes, Tony Humes and Karl Connolly.

In Premier League action, Arsenal squandered a chance to go top of the standings after a 0-0 tie with north London neighbor Tottenham.

Gunnars' goalkeeper John Lukic, replacing injured England star David Seaman, made a series of saves to keep out the Spurs strikers while Ian Walker, who replaced Seaman on the England lineup and was deemed to blame for Italy's goal in the World Cup Wednesday, had little to do. In the other Premier League game, West Ham fielded its £7.3 million strikeforce of Jon Hartson and Paul Kitson but tumbled 1-0



IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO - Middlesbrough's Derek Whyte (left) tackles Manchester City's George Kinkladze.

at Derby. Croatian midfielder Aljosa Asanovic scored the only goal from the penalty spot.

Division One leader Bolton, which had a nine-point lead going into the home game against fourth-place Sheffield United, was held 2-2 at home but stretched its lead to 10.

Second place Wolves lost 3-0 at home to Crystal Palace, its seventh home loss of the season. Defending titlist Rangers

scored a 3-0 victory over East Fife to reach the last eight of the Scottish Cup, a scoreline which was unexpectedly low.

East Fife, which has won only one game in Division One and has the worst league record anywhere in Britain, went to the Premier Division giant expecting a high-scoring loss. But it restricted Rangers to goals by Davie Robertson, Trevor Steven and Ally McCoist, all in the first 37 minutes.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Derby 1, West Ham 0; Tottenham 0, Arsenal 0.

FA CUP: Fourth round - Blackburn 1, Coventry 2. Fifth round - Birmingham 1, Wrexham 3; Chesterfield 1, Nottingham Forest 0; Leeds 2, Portsmouth 3; Manchester City 0, Middlesbrough 1; Wimbledon 2, Queens Park Rangers 1.

DIVISION ONE: Bolton 2, Sheffield United 2; Charlton 2, Barnsley 2; Grimsby 2, Huddersfield 3; Norwich 2, West Bromwich Albion 4; Oxford United 3, Oldham 1; Port Vale 2, Ipswich 2; Southampton 2, Stoke 1; Wolves 0, Crystal Palace 2.

DIVISION TWO: Bournemouth 0, Burnley 0; Bristol Rovers 3, Luton 2; Crewe 1, Walsall 0; Millwall 2, Rotherham 0; Notts County 1, Blackpool 1; Peterborough 3, Bristol City 1; Plymouth 2, Barry 0; Preston 2, Wycombe 1; Stockport 3, Shrewsbury 1; York 2, Gillingham 3.

DIVISION THREE: Carlisle 2, Brighton 1; Darlington 2, Scunthorpe 0; Doncaster 1, Barnet 1; Fulham 1, Wigan 2; Hartlepool 1, Torquay 1; Hull 2, Exeter 0; Leyton Orient 1, Cambridge United 1; Mansfield 2, Lincoln 2; Rochdale 1, Northampton 1; Swanssea 1, Scarborough 2.

SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth round - Brechin 1, Raith 2; Clyde 0, Kilmarnock 1; Falkirk 1, Dundee 2; Motherwell 1, Hamilton 1; Rangers 3, East Fife 0.

## Leading goalscorers

Table of leading goalscorers in the Premier League, listing player names and goals scored.

Table of Premier League standings, listing teams, games played, wins, draws, losses, goals for, and goals against.

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Table of Division Three standings, listing teams, games played, wins, draws, losses, goals for, and goals against.

Table of Scottish Premier League standings, listing teams, games played, wins, draws, losses, goals for, and goals against.

Table of Scottish Cup fourth round results, listing teams and scores.

# Chicago ends Atlanta's home winning streak

ATLANTA (AP) - On a night when Dennis Rodman didn't start, Michael Jordan scored 30 points and the Chicago Bulls ended Atlanta's 20-game home winning streak, beating the Hawks 89-88 Friday night.

Rodman, playing the second game since his 11-game suspension for kicking a cameraman, started out on the bench. Coach Phil Jackson went with Toni Kukoc at forward, deciding that was a better matchup against Atlanta's All-Star forward, Christian Laettner.

Kukoc scored 21 points while Rodman finished with two points and 12 rebounds before fouling out with just over two minutes remaining.

Atlanta had a chance to win when Jordan missed an eight-footer in the lane with nine seconds remaining. The Hawks tried to set up a play for Steve Smith at the offensive end, but he couldn't get free for a shot.

Smith flipped off a pass to Laettner, who missed an open 3-

pointer as the horn sounded. SuperSonics 105, Rockets 85. Gary Payton scored 23 points and Dettlef Schrempf had 16 of his 20 points in the second half to lead host Seattle to victory.

The win was Seattle's first in three games against the Rockets this season. The Sonics had entered the game 0-7 this season against Western Conference powers Houston, Utah and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Mario Elie led the Rockets with 17 points, and Charles Barkley had 14 points and 12 rebounds. Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon was held to six points in 29 minutes and did not play in the fourth quarter.

Grizzlies 109, Celtics 106. Rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 31 points and Bryant Reeves scored 30 - 16 in the third quarter - as host Vancouver won consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Grizzlies, who defeated San Antonio on Wednesday, got its

second straight win despite making only 24-of-45 free throws and missing 10 of its first 11 foul shots in the fourth quarter. Bulls 125, Nets 107. Juwan Howard scored 25 points and Calbert Cheaney added 22 as visiting Washington gave Bernie Bickerstaff his first victory as coach of the Bulls.

Rod Strickland chipped in with 19 points and 10 assists for the Bulls, who played without Chris Webber, who is out with a lower back sprain.

The win ended a season-high five-game losing streak for the Bulls, who beat the Nets for the fourth time in five games. Bucks 106, Raptors 102. Glenn Robinson scored 37 points to lead Milwaukee in the first NBA regular-season game played in Maple Leaf Gardens since 1975.

Armon Gilliam added 22 points and 16 rebounds for Milwaukee, which won for just the second time in its last seven games. Both victories have come against the Raptors.

Table of Eastern Conference standings, listing teams, wins, losses, and games behind.

# Alain Prost in pole position again, but this time as owner of F1 team

PARIS (Reuters) - The drive and determination which earned Alain Prost four world championships were illustrated again on Thursday when he finally completed the package he needed to form an all-French Formula One team.

Prost has taken over Ligier, and the new Prost Grand Prix team was launched officially on Friday in Paris. Its two cars will be in Melbourne on March 9 for the season-opener, with Olivier Panis of France and Shinji Nakano of Japan as the drivers.

Just as three times world champion Jackie Stewart of Britain was not content to rest on what he had achieved behind the wheel, Prost has also wanted to continue in the sport.

But perhaps more than Stewart, whose new Stewart-Ford cars will also be on the Melbourne starting grid next month, the Frenchman struggled before completing the complex, high moneyed deals required to put the package together.

"Every agreement we must reach depends on another agreement we're working on," he said a few weeks ago. "It's like assembling a jigsaw puzzle and it's certainly not easy." Prost will this season rely on the new Ligier JS 45 cars powered by a Mugen-Honda engine. But for three years starting in 1998, his cars will be fitted with the Peugeot V10 engines

currently used by the Jordan team. Not only did Prost want his own team but he wanted it to be 100 percent French. He proved a shrewd negotiator as he convinced Italian Flavio Briatore to sell him Ligier and Peugeot to supply him with their engines.

Briatore, who bought the struggling Ligier team three years ago principally because he wanted access to their Renault engines for his other F1 team Benetton, said some time ago he was in favor of a deal. But the Italian is a tough businessman and probably made Prost pay the price.

No figures were available for the deal but, according to press reports, the annual budget of the Prost team will be around 350 million francs (\$61 million).

The final piece in the jigsaw was completed on Wednesday. Under F1 rules, in order to change the Ligier name, Prost needed the agreement of all the other teams.

One remaining signature was required, that of Eddie Jordan who feared the deal would cost his Jordan team their supply of Peugeot engines. Reassured that Peugeot would stay with him throughout 1997, Jordan finally signed. Peugeot had already made it known they

were considering pulling out of Formula One as they were unhappy with their partnership with Jordan but Prost's personality and the amount of energy he spent in working on his project eventually made them change their minds.

Now Prost wants more for his team. He is reported to have approached Ferrari's designer John Barnard and engineer Bernard Dudot, currently Renault's technical director.

Those who remember Prost as a driver know he always wanted to be the best and would not be satisfied with anything less. In 1992 he took a sabbatical for the year only because he could not reach an agreement with Williams, then the strongest team by far. The next year he did join Williams and drove to his fourth world title.

After retiring from racing at the end of the 1993 season, he worked as a television commentator and then as a technical advisor for McLaren. Some even predicted he would start driving again but he did not, probably because he was not sure if he could win.

Now 41, Prost has won a record 51 Grands Prix and is widely acclaimed as one of the finest drivers in motor racing history. But he still wants more. When your name is Prost, you have to be in pole position.

# Williams technical chief to fight to clear name

LONDON (Reuters) - Williams technical director Patrick Head said on Thursday he will fight as strongly as possible to clear his name when he faces magistrates in the Ayrton Senna case in Imola.

Head, along with Williams team chief Frank Williams and chief designer Adrian Newey, has been charged with manslaughter following the death of Ayrton Senna at the San Marino Grand Prix on May 1, 1994.

Head and Williams confirmed on Thursday they will not be present at the opening day of the trial on Thursday, but Head said that whatever the outcome of the case he would pursue it in order to keep his record as an engineer clear of any charges.

He said: "It is a very serious matter, a criminal case, and we are therefore taking it very seriously. For myself as an engineer it is something I do not want to have on my record and I am prepared, if the case goes against me, to appeal and fight on for as long as necessary to clear my name." Head said it was "not ideal" to be working with the impending trial team as they prepared for the new Formula One season.

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# Bet. Jerusalem, Hap. PT stunned at home

By ORI LEWIS and DEREK FATTAL

A weekend of upsets and a death of goals is the brief summary to the 38th round of soccer action in the current campaign.

Leader Betar Jerusalem lost for the first time this season when it was stunned at home 1-0 by Hapoel Beersheba, but the team was relieved to hear that second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva was also beaten at home - 2-1 by Hapoel Beit She'an.

Second Division leader Hapoel Ashkelon was also upset, by bottom side Hapoel Kiryat Shmona no less, the northerners winning 1-0 through on an 80th minute goal.

It was also a weekend of violence, with six supporters in Jerusalem requiring treatment following Betar's loss. Two were taken to hospital with light to moderate injuries, while four others were treated for light injuries.

In Netanyahu, the game had to be held up for eight minutes when Hapoel Taiba fans threw bottles onto the pitch after Maccabi Petah Tikva had scored its second goal to inflict another crushing blow on Taiba's hopes of staying in the top flight. The Arab sector side has now lost 14 of its 18 games and has only 10 points, well adrift of Hapoel Tel Aviv, which next to bottom, with 15 points.

**Betar Jerusalem 0**  
**Hapoel Beersheba 1**

After being trounced 4-1 at home last week by Maccabi Tel Aviv the southerners came to Teddy Stadium yesterday and smashed Betar's unbeaten record before an audience of 12,000, the day's top gate.

The gods were certainly not smiling down on the Jerusalemites, in a match marked by bad fortune in front of goal and a terrific performance by Beersheba's stand-in goalkeeper Avi Peretz.

Early on Betar's Itzik Zohar had two fine efforts, while Beersheba flexed its muscles with a Dudu Hefer-shot from a corner kick. In the 20th minute Fishont struck the post in the first of many let-offs

for the Negev side. The southerners could have gone ahead in the first half when Liron Basis only had Betar's Itzik Kornfein blocking his path to goal.

The capital outfit pressurized after the break with Eli Ohana and Itzik Zohar always looking threatening. The home support had to endure a scare when an effort by Sharon Avitan was blocked in the nick of time by Fishont. This proved to be a precursor to the decisive moment of the match in the 81st minute when Hefer exposed the Jerusalem defense with a swift-lying free kick to Oren Sagron who drilled the ball into goal past Kornfein for the winner.

In the remaining minutes Betar created a host of chances which either providence or Peretz prevented from crossing the line. In particular Peretz performed two stunning saves to deny Ohana and then Nir Sevilla in injury time.

As the final whistle blew the hooligan element among the Betar fans began an unseemly barrage of bottle-throwing. In after-game clashes outside the stadium two people needed hospital treatment while another four people suffered light injuries.

**Hapoel Petah Tikva 1**  
**Hapoel Beit She'an 2**

Beit She'an has established a reputation for embarrassing the top-dogs and yesterday it outplayed the Petah Tikvans to earn a deserved victory. A bright start by the hosts saw a Manor Hassan-attempt cleared of the line, followed in the 11th minute by a sur-

prise goal at the other end of the park by Yehuda Amar.

Sensing Petah Tikva's defensive weakness Beit She'an did not sit back on its lead after the restart but continued to attack. The tactic paid off handsomely 14 minutes later when Shimon Dahnan sprang a break on the left and crossed to Meir Melika who guided the ball beyond Shah Hess.

The Petah Tikvans fought hard to pull themselves back into the game. Gabo Marton hit the crossbar in the 39th minute, and then in injury time before the break. Walid Badir seized on a misjudgment by the Beit She'an goalkeeper to reduce the deficit.

In the second half Beit She'an kept its poise and prevented any further breakthroughs by the Petah Tikva attack. In fact Beit She'an should have added a third goal to its tally when Oleg Kochlik cut through the home defense but hit the post.

**Hapoel Taiba 0**  
**Maccabi Petah Tikva 2**

There was no let up for Taiba's tormented followers in this match played in Netanyahu. Eleven minutes into play Alon Ophir found himself free of any defensive cover and fired in for Maccabi's opening goal.

At half-time a number of Taiban fans conducted their afternoon prayers on the terraces. If any plea for divine intervention was voiced it was disregarded, as Nejwan Graybe beat Taiba's new Georgian goalkeeper Akaki Davidze in the 56th minute to put Maccabi two

goals up.

The home crowd reacted by hurling bottles onto the field. One of the linesmen was hit and referee Haim Ya'acov was forced to halt play for eight minutes while the police restored order.

**Zafirim Holon 0**  
**Hapoel Tel Aviv 0**

Although the hands of free enterprise have at last taken over control of Hapoel Tel Aviv, there was little evidence of any change on the field yesterday in this fixture which matched the 15th-placed Tel Avivians with the side one position above them in the standings.

Hapoel under the guidance of new coach Dror Kashtan put an awful lot of effort into the first half but failed to create any clear cut chances against an opponent that also lacked imagination.

The Holonis improved slightly in the second half, but the final verdict is that this dull relegation battle was certainly one worth missing.

**Maccabi Haifa 1**  
**Ironi Rishon LeZion 1**

Before the match many Haifa supporters were jeering manager Giora Spiegel and the fare that his side dished up on the field did little to change matters. After an unimpressive opening spell the Haifaites looked likely to end the first half on a high note when defender Alon Harazi scored a fine goal in the 39th minute.

The Rishonis fought straight back as Moshe Sabag leveled just two minutes later. Maccabi was

unable to break the deadlock after the resumption and Spiegel left the field at the end to a torrent of abuse flanked by four policemen.

**Maccabi Tel Aviv 1**  
**Maccabi Herzliya 0**

A completely uninspiring performance by the outgoing champions was highlighted by Eli Driks's fourth minute goal. The veteran Maccabi captain was once again in the right place at the right time to pounce on a pass from the right and slot the ball easily past Shuli Gilardi in the Herzliya goal.

The low-key game was toned down even more when Avi Nimni was disputably sent off in the 20th minute, leaving Maccabi to concentrate on defending its lead.

**Bnei Yehuda 2**  
**Hapoel Haifa 0**

Even without dangerous Alon Mizrahi, Bnei Yehuda pounced on the opposition at the right moment, despite being the less inventive of the two sides at the Hatikva Quarter yesterday.

Haifa, coming off a good performance against league leaders Betar Jerusalem last weekend, in which it just failed to win, had hoped to realize some success and bag all three points this time around. The team began more confidently, but most of the play was in midfield, with the ball being given away on many occasions when the team had reached the area.

The ever-youthful 41-year-old Nissim Cohen was an inspiration for Bnei Yehuda and set up several good counterattacks. The hosts broke the deadlock on just such an

occasion, following what looked like another dangerous move by Haifa in the 43rd minute. Bnei Yehuda managed to break away from the pressure situation, and Cohen then provided a perfect pass from the right to Avi Tikva, who made no mistake with his shot.

The second half saw Haifa try to gain an equalizer, but again, its passing game was far from accurate and the few shots which were on target were well dealt with by keeper Haim Srauber.

Young Haim Dejlowski dealt the killer blow to Haifa in injury time when he was perfectly positioned to easily shoot into the empty net after Rafi Cohen in the Haifa goal failed to collect a free kick which he deflected onto the post, which in turn fell to the 19-year-old Bnei Yehuda player's feet.

**Hapoel Kfar Sava 0**  
**Hapoel Jerusalem 0**

Friday's only game was a "banal of the weakest" with sendings-off taking priority over all else.

Neither Kfar Sava nor Jerusalem

showed any skill or inventive play, and the score is a just reflection on the action, although Kfar Sava did dominate during the first half-hour.

The psychedelic action started in the second half when referee Nir Ba'abur reached for his pocket several times. First to be sent off was Jerusalem's Amir Gora for a second bookable offense. He was soon followed by teammate Ya'acov Avrahami, who came on as substitute and was caught in the act while committing a foul off the ball on Kfar Sava's Gabi Sapir.

Jerusalem managed to close up shop, but the balance was redressed somewhat towards the end, when the hosts' Francisco Washington was also given his marching orders.

After Ba'abur had blown the final whistle he received a barrage of complaints, particularly from the Jerusalem camp, and veteran Michel Dayan also saw red following an insulting remark to the officials.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts
1	14	3	1	37	10	27	45
2	12	4	2	36	19	17	40
3	12	1	5	27	17	10	37
4	9	5	4	27	19	8	32
5	9	4	5	23	17	6	31
6	4	4	10	17	3	-16	18
7	3	8	23	22	1	24	15
8	3	8	20	19	1	23	15
9	2	10	18	27	-3	19	14
10	4	9	14	17	-14	18	16
11	3	10	12	31	-8	16	13
12	7	9	12	18	-9	16	16
13	5	7	12	9	-18	-9	15
14	6	9	10	19	-9	15	16
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**SECOND DIVISION**

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6	7	4	7	21	25	-4	25
7	6	6	7	22	18	4	24
8	6	5	7	20	24	-2	23
9	7	7	8	16	23	-7	22
10	5	6	8	14	20	-6	18
11	4	3	10	16	29	-13	18
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**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

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Hapoel Kfar Sava	(0) 0	Hapoel Jerusalem	(0) 0
Maccabi Haifa	(1) 1	Ironi Rishon LeZion	(1) 1
Alon Harazi, 59		Moshe Sabag, 41	
Hapoel Petah Tikva	(1) 1	Hapoel Beit She'an	(2) 2
Walid Badir, 45		Yehuda Amar, 11	
Hapoel Taiba	(0) 0	Meir Melika, 25	
		Maccabi Petah Tikva	(1) 1
		Alon Ophir, 11	
		Najwan Graybe, 56	
		Hapoel Haifa	(0) 0
Bnei Yehuda	(1) 2	Hapoel Beersheba	(0) 1
Avi Tikva, 43		Oren Sagron, 80	
Haim Dejlowski, 90		Maccabi Herzliya	(0) 0
Betar Jerusalem	(0) 0		
Maccabi Tel Aviv	(1) 1		
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**SECOND DIVISION**

Maccabi Acre	0	Maccabi Yavne	1
Ness Ziona	3	Hapoel Hadera	0
Hapoel Ramat Gan	1	Maccabi Kiryat Gat	0
Hapoel Ashdod	0	Betar Tel Aviv	1
Maccabi Jaffa	0	Ironi Ashdod	1
Maccabi Kfar Kana	0	Hakoah Ramat Gan	1
Maccabi Netanya	1	Hapoel Bat Yam	1
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	1	Hapoel Ashkelon	0

## SPORTS in brief

**Heat get Mavs' Mashburn for 3 players**  
The Miami Heat, the second-winnest team in the NBA, acquired discontented forward Jamal Mashburn from the Dallas Mavericks for three players Friday.

In exchange for Mashburn, the Mavericks' 1993 first-round draft pick, Dallas got forward Kurt Thomas, reserve guard Sasha Danilovic and reserve forward Martin Murrsepp. AP

**Australian player wins tennis satellite**  
Seventh seed Andrew Ilie from Australia won the final of the first leg of the Club Hotel Eilat Tennis Satellite in Beersheba yesterday.

The beat France's Jean Francois Bachelot 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). Two Israeli players failed in Friday's semifinal matches. Fourth seed Noam Behr was beaten 3-5, 6-4, 7-5 by Ilie, and Amir Hadad was defeated 6-3, 6-4 by Bachelot.

Consolation for Hadad came in the doubles final, which he won with Harel Levy. Heather Chait

## England, France in Five Nations showdown

DUBLIN (Reuters) - England scored 35 points, including five tries, without reply in the second-half to hammer Ireland by a record 46-6 margin in the Five Nations championship at Lansdowne Road yesterday.

It was a second successive record win for an English side which beat Scotland 41-13 in the Calcutta Cup two weeks ago and sets up a potential grand slam decider against France at Twickenham on March 1.

Eleven points separated the teams on the hour when Ireland winger Denis Hickie was unlucky to slip on the England 22 with the line at his mercy after a good break by scrum-half Niall Hogan had opened up the visiting defence.

It proved instead to be the signal for the England pack to assume total control and the visitors rattled up 29 points in the last 15 minutes to cap an impressive team performance.

"We're not an inferior team but just didn't do ourselves justice. You have to take your opportunities at this level and we didn't. They did," Ireland center Maurice Field said.

Left winger Tony Underwood helped himself to two late tries while right winger Jon Sleightholme added a second-half touchdown to the one he scored in the first half. Scrum-half Andy Gomersall and flanker Richard Hill also put their names on the scoresheet.

England outside-half Paul Grayson took his personal points tally to 16 when he added two conversions to the four penalties he landed earlier in the game.

Ireland led 6-3 after 17 minutes of the first-half after outside-half Eric Elwood landed two penalties to one by Grayson, but the team was affected by injuries to Elwood and No. 8 Eric Miller and seldom looked capable of breaking down a well drilled England defence.

After Sleightholme went over in the right corner for a try in the 19th minute, Field having failed to find touch, England was seldom in trouble and its late onslaught was even more impressive than the one it inflicted on the Scots.

The previous highest English win over Ireland was 38-9 at Twickenham in 1992. Its biggest previous success in Dublin was 36-14 back in 1938.

France 27, Wales 22

A depleted but determined French side shrugged off a brave challenge from Wales to win at Parc des Princes and remain hard on England's heels in the Five Nations race.

France, with six enforced changes from the side which beat Ireland 52-15 in its opening match last month, scored four tries to the visitors' three to set up a title

England's Tim Rodber jumps to win the ball from a line out, supported by teammate Simon Shaw. (Reuters)

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WALL STREET REPORT

US stocks slip

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks closed mostly lower Friday - ignoring bullish inflation news - as some investors took profits following the Dow Jones industrial average's first close above 7,000.

The decrease was led by heating oil, meat and cars. In addition, the Commerce Department said industrial production was unchanged in January.

The Dow's move above 7,000 marked its fastest 1,000-point advance ever, as the same factors that have kept stocks rising for six years continued to spur buying.

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WALL STREET WEEK

Dow 7,000 arrives early

NEW YORK (AP) - Had you asked most of Wall Street's forecasters about the Dow Jones industrial average's prospects for 1997, 'Dow 7,000' would have seemed far more appropriate as a year-end goal than a mid-February achievement.

Dow's sudden breakout above its recent trading range could mean another quick spurt as high as 7,200 in the next week or two.

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WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

World bourses gain, following US rise

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's FTSE 100 index finished at another closing high, inspired by record gains in the US overnight and continued domestic corporate activity.

102.3 from last Friday, and the Gold index was up 4.7 points to 1,395.1, a rise of 37.6 from a week ago.

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CURRENCY REPORT

Dollar at 4-year high against Japanese yen

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar rose further Friday, touching a new 4-year high against the yen and 34-month high vs. the mark on benign US inflation news, the ebullient American stock market and more economic anemia in Germany.

And mostly higher in other foreign-exchange dealings. Even with the three-day weekend in the United States because of the Washington's Birthday holiday tomorrow, when US markets are closed, many traders bought dollars on the assumption the currency will keep rising.

There's still a bias toward a firmer dollar, all the reasons for favoring the dollar are still there," said Dennis Pettit, foreign-exchange manager at the Long-Term Credit Bank of

Japan Ltd.'s New York branch. In intraday trading, the dollar reached a high of 124.80, the strongest level since February 1993 and the first new four-year high against the yen in a week, before settling in New York at 124.22 yen, off from 124.35 yen Thursday.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

PARIS - French shares closed with a slight loss as investors took profits ahead of the weekend, the market needed a breather after storming to fresh highs during the week, helped by company turnover figures which were broadly welcomed, a storming Wall Street and the rising dollar. The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed down 0.99 points, or 0.04 percent, at 2,627.42, up 29.90 on the week.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

ZURICH - Swiss shares set a closing record in the blue-chip SMI, regaining energy after a 10-day run of record highs was halted by a lower finish the day before. Some investors were cautious ahead of the weekend and because some US markets will be closed tomorrow for Presidents' Day.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

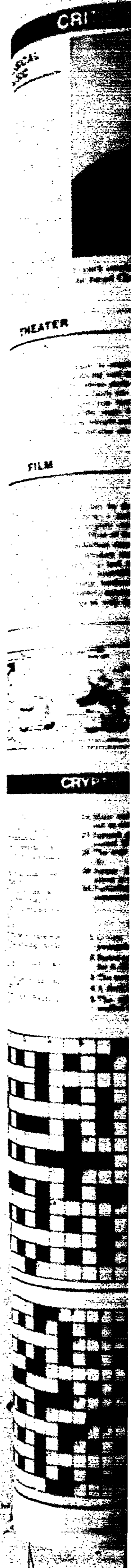
TOKYO - Tokyo stocks closed higher for the fourth consecutive day, but the rally lost some steam as profit-taking kicked in after recent gains. Wall Street's surge past the 7,000 barrier helped certain global stocks, but the overall impact was limited. The key Nikkei 225 average closed up 33.94 points or 0.18 percent at 18,722.00, rising 854.96 from last week.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares ended off their worst levels in quiet trade as bullish US producer inflation raised hopes of strong gains on Wall Street later. Trade on the day had been generally quiet and featureless, with only the US PPI number providing any form of direction after the Dow's rise above the 7,000 mark overnight failed to provide inspiration.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

The Overall index lost 20.8 points to 7,020.7, rising 141.1 from seven days ago. The Industrial index dropped 27.5 points to 3,805.3, up



INVESTMENTS

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT
Renowned conductor Armin Jordan makes his Israeli debut this week leading the Israel Chamber Orchestra in two programs. Tonight and tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Museum Jordan conducts Haydn's 99th Symphony and the Elgar Serenade as well as Britten's Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings with British tenor Martyn Hill and Swiss horn player Gregory Cox. The second program features Brahms's First Serenade and Berlioz's Les Nuits d'été with French soprano Françoise Pollet. Wednesday and Thursday at the Tel Aviv Museum and Saturday at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem (8:30 p.m.).



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THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Zaharira Harifai is always a pleasure to watch on stage and she's backed up by a strong cast in Voyages, Shulamit Lapid's new play about skeletons in the family closet. The play is a fairy-tale melodrama, but Amit Gazit's direction sure gives the actors leeway to chew up the stage. A Camera production at Tel Aviv Tzavta tonight and through Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday also at 4:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

FAITHFUL - Based on a play by the actor Chazz Palminteri, Paul Mazursky's dark comedy retains the boxed-in feel and slightly contrived sound of a work for the stage. Most of the action takes place inside a posh suburban mansion whose wide, wood-paneled corridors and grand staircases have the deliberately 2-D look of theatrical sets, and the characters - a miserable housewife (Cher), her philandering husband (Ryan O'Neal) and a hit man (Palminteri) hired to resolve their marital difficulties - speak with the

leisure and stylization that only play-people can afford. But this is not a criticism. There's something pleasantly old-fashioned about the film's devices, and although Faithful isn't nearly as sharp or energetic as Mazursky's best work, the picture does have a moody fluidity and brooding humor to be recommended. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance very strongly advised.)

EVITA - Alan Parker's much-hyped screen rendition of the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice rock opera is an exciting movie, a dynamically sustained dramatic and musical work that defies the disjointed video-cop format that the endless TV spots might have led one to expect. The rumors about Madonna are true, too: she seems to have been born to play the role of Argentina's most famous first lady. According to Parker and Oliver Stone's fluid adaptation of the musical about the poor, illegitimate country girl turned populist folk hero, Eva Perón was ambitious, glamorous and extremely calculating, every bit the rags-to-rock-star politician. Madonna both sings beautifully here and embodies Evita's charismatic presence in a way that obviously can't be called modest - the role is too huge and virtuosic for that - but which is, somehow self-effacing. She becomes Evita, as few other pop icons could when faced with such a task. Also with Antonio Banderas and Jonathan Pryce. (English lyrics, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TV

CHANNEL 1

- 6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

- 8:00 Herzl and Zionism
8:30 Destinies
9:00 Geography
9:20 Nature
9:30 English
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 Social Sciences
10:45 Arithmetic
11:10 English
12:00 Mathematics in Daily Life
12:30 Social Sciences
13:00 In the Heat of the Night
13:30 Kipity Train
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy
14:35 Babar the Elephant
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 1

- 15:30 Motorcycle from Mars
15:50 Body - animation
16:00 Gingle
16:25 Northwood
18:45 Super Ben
18:55 Zap to Basel
18:59 A New Evening
17:34 English
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19:31 With Tom and Dafik
20:05 News
20:45 Second Look
21:30 Personal Story
22:00 The Camera!
22:30 World Soccer
22:30 News
00:00 Versa of the Day

CHANNEL 2

- 6:15 Today's Program
6:30 Yogi Bear
6:55 This Morning - with Gabi Gazit and Rivka Michaeli
10:45 Dynasty (rpt)
11:40 L.A. Law (rpt)
12:30 Gentle and the Captain
13:00 Open Cards
14:00 Echo Point
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 The Flintstones
15:30 Davey's World
16:00 The Gold and the Sapphire
17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Click - new dating show hosted by Kati Ofir and Nir Fridman
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19:15 Backwards - eight friends plan to make the first blue film in Hebrew
20:00 News
20:30 Dudu Topaz
22:00 Rafi Reshef - talk show
22:25 Band of Gold - part 5
00:00 News
00:05 Band of Gold - continued
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1:58 On the Edge of the Shell

JORDAN TV

- 14:00 Holy Koran
13:08 Johnny Quest
14:30 Problem Child
15:00 French programs
16:00 Global Family - documentary
16:30 News Express
17:00 News flash

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

- 11:30 The Devil's Bed (1994) - romantic triangle. (90 mins.)
13:05 Ojai des Brumes (1991) - a good-hearted cleaner from the army saves a girl from the hands of ruthless criminals (85 mins.)
14:25 Seseo (1995) - The End of the World (1977) - science fiction (rpt)
16:50 New in the Cinema (rpt)
17:05 Lakota Moon (1991) (rpt)
18:35 Dream One (1983) - a boy finds himself in a magic land. With Harvey Keitel (93 mins.)
20:15 One Cup of Coffee (1991) - aging baseball star teaches a young black player his secret pitch (91 mins.)
21:45 New in the Cinema (rpt)
22:00 The Innocent Sleep (1995) - a beggar accidentally witnesses a murder. He discovers that the chief of police is one of the murderers. (95 mins.)
23:40 That Eye, That Sky (1994) (rpt)
1:25 The Favour, the Watch and the Very Big Fish (1991) - with Bob Hoskins, Jeff Goldblum and Natasha Richardson
0:50 The Dreaming University (1988) - doctor stumbles upon another dimension (88 mins.)

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TV 3 (33)

- 16:15 Yasin and Bahaya
17:00 Weekly Column
18:10 Amores
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:15 The Wolfeski
21:15 Blah Blah
22:30 The Duchess of Duke Street
23:25 The Ray Bradbury Theatre

ETV 2 (23)

- 15:30 All Together Now
16:00 The Heart of Things
16:30 Scientific Eye
17:00 Zombi
17:30 High-Tech Culture
18:00 Cybernews
18:30 Media File
19:00 Herzl and Zionism
19:30 Via a Vie
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Destinies
21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation
21:45 The Laddlers (1955) - Eating comedy about burbling gangsters lodging with an old lady. With Alec Guinness and Peter Sellers. (87 mins.)
22:30 Jerusalem in Art

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

- 8:00 Dallas
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
11:15 Paris Nova
12:00 Zingara
12:45 The Streets of San Francisco
13:30 Dallas
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 The Nanny
16:00 Hercules
16:45 Zingara
17:30 New York Daze
18:00 One Life to Live
18:45 The Young and the Restless
19:30 Local broadcast
20:00 Paris Nova
20:50 Third Rock from the Sun
21:40 Jag
22:30 Law and Order
23:20 Night Stand with Dick Cavett
23:45 Law and Order
00:30 ENG

SECOND SHOWING (5)

- 22:00 Fatherland (1986) - Suspense drama by Ken Loach. An East German protest singer escapes to the West and finds that economic hardship is as bad as political can be. (106 mins.)
23:50 The Virgin Spring (Swedish, 1959) - Ingmar Bergman's Oscar-winning masterpiece. An adaptation of a medieval legend about a young woman who is raped and murdered by a group of criminals who later seek shelter with her

STAR PLUS (unconfirmed)

- 8:00 Hindi shows
8:00 Grand Escape
8:30 India Business

PRIME TIME TV

Table with 8 columns (1-8) and 5 rows (19:30-23:00) showing TV programs like News, Local broadcast, Perla Negra, etc.

DISCOVERY (8)

- 6:00 Open University - Archeology, Century of Cinema; Homeage to Gounod
12:00 Film Oceans (rpt)
13:00 Delicious Europe - Turkey (rpt)
13:30 The Last Snake Divers
14:00 Open University (rpt)
16:00 The Oceans (rpt)
17:00 Delicious Europe (rpt)
17:30 The Last Snake Divers
18:00 Open University (rpt)
19:00 The Oceans (rpt)
20:00 Theme Park Heaven - a look at Walt Disney's theme-park industry
21:00 Korup - diversity in the rain forest of Cameroon
22:00 Beyond 2000: Saving the Planet, part 11 - Seeds of Survival, Ethiopia
23:00 Theme Park Heaven (rpt)
00:00 Open University (rpt)

SUPER CHANNEL

- 8:00 Talking with David Frost (85 mins.)
9:30 Travel Xpress
7:30 Inspiration
10:00 Executive Lifestyles
10:30 Fashion File
11:00 Travel Xpress
12:00 Super Shop
13:00 NBC Super Sports
13:30 Gillette World Sports
14:00 Inside the PGA tour
15:00 downhill Relay Sliding, California
16:00 NBA Basketball
17:00 Dateline
18:00 The McLaughlin Group
18:30 Meet the Press
19:00 Sports
20:00 Flavors of Italy
20:30 Travel Xpress
21:00 Time and Again
22:00 Golf: FNB Playoffs
Championship
23:00 Best of The Tonight Show - drama
1:00 Talkin' Jazz
1:30 The Ticket
2:00 Best of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
3:00 MSNBC
3:00 Sports Week
4:00 Inside PGA Golf Tour
8:30 Hong Kong, Shenzhen Marathon
11:00 Indian Soccer
18:00 NBA Game of the Week

EUROSPORT (unconfirmed)

- 9:30 Equestrian: Volvo World Cup (rpt)
10:30 Speedskating: World Championship, Japan
12:00 Cross-Country Skiing: France
14:00 Alpine Skiing: Tour de Ski, Italy - highlights
15:00 Cycling: Tour of the Mediterranean
16:00 Tennis: ATP tour, France - finals
17:30 Athletics: Indoor Permit Meet, France
19:00 Tennis: ATP Tour, Dubai - finals
21:00 Motor Racing: Daytona USA
23:00 Bobbed: World Cup, Canada
1:30 Speedskating: World Championship, Japan (rpt)

PRIME SPORTS

- 6:00 Asia Sport Show
6:30 WWF Blast Off
7:00 Soccer: World Cup Hall of Fame
7:30 Sports India
8:00 Inside PGA Golf Tour
8:30 Hong Kong, Shenzhen Marathon
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18:00 NBA Game of the Week

MOVIES

- G.G. GIL: Transporting@Long Kiss Goodnight 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 + Jane Fonda
@Daylight 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 + Bruce Willis
@The Ghost and the Darkness 6:45, 9:15 + Jeff Bridges
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VOICE OF MUSIC

- 6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Handel: Concerto Grosso in C
Bach: Sonatas in G minor for cello and organ (orig. for viola da gamba and harpsichord); Mozart: Violin concerto no 5; Mendelssohn: Piano trio no 1 in D minor op 49; Emil von Sauer: Piano concerto no 1; Britten: Les Illuminations for voice and strings; Franck: Symphony in D minor; 12:00 Light Classical - Handel: Concerto Grosso in D op 38; Albinoni: Symphony in G; Vivaldi: Concerto in D for 2 flutes and organ; Bach: Sinfonia concertante in E flat; Haydn: Trumpet concerto in E flat; 13:00 Artist of the Week - Kim Burgin, bass. Songs for bass and piano by Sibelius; 14:06 From Orchestral: Wilhelm Furtwängler conducts; 15:00 Vivaldi: Concerto no 1 in F for recorder and string quartet; Sammartini: Concerto in F for recorder and strings; Mozart: Sinfonia concertante in E flat; Vivaldi: Violin, viola and orch K354; 16:00 Music for Sunday - Bach: Cantata BWV 81; Victoria: 2 hymns; D. Scarlatti: Salve Regina; Haydn: Mass in B flat "Creation Mass"; Schubert: Deutsche Messe; 18:00 New CDs - J.F. Fasch: Overture in G minor; Handel: oratorio from Theodora opera; Mozart: Bassoon concerto in B flat; Dvorak: Symphony no 5; 19:00 From Orchestral: Israel Chamber Orchestra conduct Armin Jordan, soloists: Serenada for tenor, horn and strings op 31; Haydn: Symphony no 99; 23:00 Sounds to End the Day

BBC WORLD

- News on the hour
6:05 Horizon (rpt)
7:25 Inside Business Report
8:20 Britain in View (rpt)
11:30 This Week
10:05 Assignment
11:30 The Clothes Show (rpt)
12:05 Heart of the Matter
13:20 Window on Europe (rpt)
14:05 The Giant Awakes (rpt)
15:05 Breakfast with Frost
16:30 Horizon (rpt)
17:00 Earth Report (rpt)
18:30 Film '87 (rpt)
19:30 Top Gear (rpt)
20:20 On The Record
21:20 Window on Europe (rpt)
22:05 Club Report
23:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt)
00:00 World Business Report
2:19 The Money Programme
3:00 Asia Today

CNN INTERNATIONAL

- News throughout the day
6:05 Both Sides with Jesse Jackson
6:30 Evans and Novak
7:30 Global View
8:30 Style with Elsa Klench
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Science and Technology
11:30 Computer Connection
12:30 Showbiz This Week
13:30 World Business
14:30 World Sport
15:30 Pro Golf Weekly
16:00 Larry King
17:30 World Sport (rpt)
18:30 NBA this week
19:00 Late Edition
20:30 MoneyWeek
21:00 World Report
23:30 Best of Insight
18:00 NBA Game of the Week

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Coaches musicians in military companies (5-5)
6 Strike for co-operation (4)
10 A spill, to come to the point (5)
11 Agreeing with many over boy worker (9)
12 Being gross, a heel will take whatever comes (8)
13 The state is a subject for debate (5)
15 Watch, say (7)
17 Harry can be a fearsome beast with nothing inside him (7)
19 A cocktail or cider, as ordered (7)
21 Fiddlers made by skilled craftsmen (7)
22 Country and Western tupples (5)
DOWN
1 Given to back-street youngsters (4)
2 Rated a page - commended for it (9)
3 The new man or woman (5)
4 A clerk can get credit (7)
5 The minister holding on scoffed when presented (7)
7 Permission to retire (5)
8 The gall of the head after a drink (10)
9 Undertaking to cut down (8)
14 A rider now has more to deal with (10)
16 Form of transport that places strain on a writer (8)
18 Superior children wadily put out (9)
20 Disturbing behaviour of a politician in anger (7)
21 Sharp as the feller playing with words? (7)
23 Great Elgar composition (5)
25 Lean over (5)
26 Bases charge on end-product (4)

SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 7 Cromer, 8 Soames, 10 Narrate, 11 Lasso, 13 Arch, 15 Mow, 17 Chazy, 18 Feet, 23 Allow, 28 Tribune, 24 Mental, 25 Trip up. DOWN: 1 Sazandá, 2 Corroset, 3 Ewan, 4 Collet, 5 Amies, 6 Asoes, 9 Celebrity, 14 Showman, 15 Triumph, 16 Attempt, 19 January, 20 Slink, 21 Fleck. Quick Solution: ...

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Tree-fruit (5)
4 Origin (6)
9 Shorten (7)
10 Luggage (6)
11 Unattractive (4)
12 Entreat (7)
13 Cover (3)
14 Run away (4)
16 Unclothed (4)
18 Ingest (3)
20 Imprisoned (7)
21 Infant (4)
24 Captive (5)
25 Pharmacist (7)
26 Termination (6)
27 Clip (5)
DOWN
1 Counting frame (6)
2 Danger (5)
3 Whirlpool (4)
5 Resident (8)
6 Answer (7)
7 Followed (6)
8 Lukewarm (5)
13 Extend (8)
15 Situated (7)
17 Save (5)
18 Proclamation (5)
19 Counsellor (6)
22 Similar (5)
23 Disorder (4)

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# Swiss, Jews to cooperate on fund

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Declaring that confrontation is over, Jewish and Swiss officials vowed on Friday to cooperate in a Swiss humanitarian Holocaust fund, which could begin making payments this summer.

There will be a "timely distribution to victims who are most in need," Thomas Borer, the Swiss Foreign Ministry's envoy, said at a news conference in New York.

Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, who is overseeing the Clinton administration's review of Swiss-Nazi relations, said the US would act as a facilitator in seeing that the fund is "orderly, organized, transparent and accountable."

Praising the move from confrontation to cooperation, Eizenstat said the process will lead "inexorably to the truth and to justice to the extent [justice] can be done 50 years later."

Eizenstat said a "definite priority" for the fund should be pensions "for the 'double victims' - those of the Holocaust and then of the communist regimes." Survivors in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe have been ineligible for reparations

from Germany.

The US will also encourage other European nations to review their war-era relations with the Nazis and to contribute to the Swiss fund or to set up parallel funds.

The humanitarian fund is separate from the claims against the Swiss banks over dormant accounts. The fund is currently a "private" pool, with contributions of more than \$100 million so far from the Swiss banks and businesses.

The Swiss government will be making a decision about whether to contribute to the fund in a few months, after an interim report by its historical commission.

"The mood has brightened," said Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress. "It was getting a little out of hand and emotional," he said of the highly public battle between Switzerland and the WJC.

The organization and allocations of the fund are to be determined in meetings between the Swiss government and Jewish groups, which will begin next week in Bern. Payments will begin this summer, Bronfman said.

"The humanitarian fund should go in the first instance to victims of the Holocaust, Jewish and non-Jewish, where there is an urgency and where so far nothing have been

done, say the Eastern countries, Baltic countries," said Rolf Bloch, president of the Swiss Jewish community, echoing Eizenstat's sentiment.

In stirring testimony to Congress last December, Bloch called for justice for the Jews, but also fairness for the Swiss. "I feel the disposition to fairness has grown," he said Friday in New York.

"The Swiss Jews felt uneasy, uncomfortable when this issue came to light," he said. Now, he said, things will calm down and the new atmosphere will produce results.

"Switzerland is a small country," he said. "Decisions are made by consent, not by

confrontation."

Hovering over the unusually congenial meeting in New York were three class-action lawsuits that have been filed by thousands of survivors against Swiss banks. Eizenstat noted that no outsiders can "control" those suits. But he said he hoped they could be consolidated in a "rational" way.

Meanwhile, a committee of 21 Swiss academics, writers and politicians unveiled another fund for Holocaust victims, saying it hoped to collect SF 1 million in its first stage.

The fund has already chosen two projects to support. One would benefit Jews in Minsk. The second would be for research at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, Reuters reported.

"Many people in our country share our view that Switzerland did not get through the years of [Hitler's] Third Reich and the Second World War with as much innocence as we had long believed," according to a statement issued by the committee, which included architect Mario Botta and Josef Candali, the retired Roman Catholic auxiliary bishop of Basle.

Allison Nazarian contributed to this report.

## Survivors' last chance

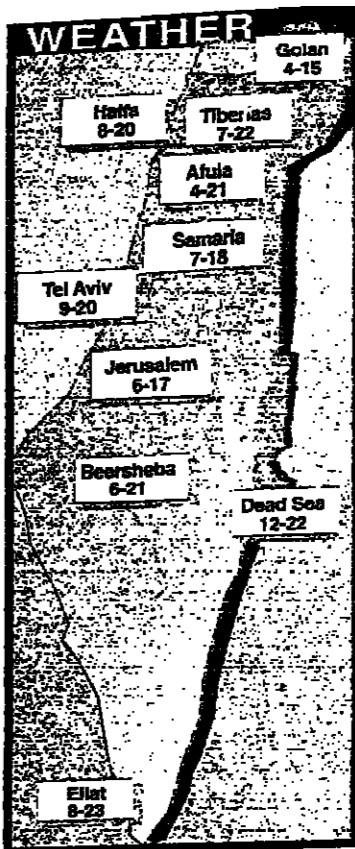
The Swiss humanitarian fund may represent the last chance for compensation for Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe, who have been shut out of German compensation programs for nearly 50 years.

The German government has resisted domestic and Jewish pressure to provide pensions for these survivors, despite increasing revelations that Bonn is paying billions of marks in

pensions to Waffen SS veterans and to alleged Nazi war criminals.

The SS pensions are higher than the amount of compensation proposed for survivors from the Eastern Bloc. However, the latest round of negotiations between Germany and the Claims Conference ended without an agreement to provide pensions to these survivors.

Marilyn Henry



Forecast: Partly cloudy.

## AROUND THE WORLD

Table with columns for City, Low, High, and Sky. Cities listed include Amsterdam, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chicago, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles, Madrid, Montreal, Moscow, New York, Paris, Rome, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Vienna, and Zurich.

## Indian officials explore weapons purchases here

By STEVE RODAN

Senior Indian officials have been visiting military plants here, inspecting advanced defense systems as part of an effort to sign a large weapons deal with Israel, industry sources and officials said last week.

One of the officials, Defense Secretary T.K. Banjeri, inspected electronic and radar systems at defense plants. He was accompanied by senior officials of the Indian Air Force and Defense Ministry.

"There's good cooperation," a senior Israeli defense source said. "We expect that in 1997, there will be continuity of defense relations as well contracts signed." In December, India and Israel signed cooperation agreements in several fields, including technological research and development.

This is the second visit to Israel recently by a senior Indian defense official. In June, the chief Indian scientist at the Defense Ministry, Abdul Kalam, responsible for research and development, secretly visited and toured satellite and missile programs.

The visits were kept under wraps by the Defense Ministry and the Indian Embassy here. But defense sources in both countries acknowledged that Israel and India are considering a significant widening of their military ties.

"Generally things in India take a longer time than in other countries," said P.K. Kumaraswamy, a researcher at Hebrew University's Truman Institute. "The military establishment wants relations with Israel but the politicians in New Delhi are hesitating."

Industry sources said India has been unable to overcome the technical problems of producing several key defense systems. One example is unmanned air vehicle. Indian industries, they said, have produced UAVs, but they are of insufficient range for the military.

Israel has been steadily increasing the sale of military equipment to India, although officials refuse to release figures. Last year, Israel Aircraft Industries announced it had sold the Super Dvora Mark II attack boat to New Delhi.

In addition, IAI last year delivered Astra business jets to India. The company, along with BVR Technology, Givatayim, also sold the Ehud Air Combat Maneuvering Instrument to the Indian air force.

Kumaraswamy said that India is also seeking a maritime surveillance radar that could counter Pakistan's recent acquisition of PC-3 Orion radar from the US.



## The city that can't breathe

Greenpeace activists wear gas masks as they hold a sign reading 'Air!' during a demonstration Friday against the high levels of noxious gases in Tel Aviv. The activists say the pollution is caused by the thousands of cars idling every day in the town's traffic jams.

## IDF: Diabetics count as disabled

By JUDY SEGEL

The Israel Defense Forces now recognizes soldiers in the regular army who developed diabetes within three months of undergoing severe stress as having been disabled by their military service. They may now receive benefits without having to take the IDF to court, which in the past has not recognized their claims.

This "breakthrough," which will affect dozens of young soldiers a year, was made possible by the deliberations of a committee of experts established at the initiative of Prof. Avi Karasik by the Defense and Health ministries. The committee was headed by Prof. Itamar Raz, a Hadassah-University Hospital diabetes expert and president of the Israel Diabetes Association. It also included Defense Ministry physicians who have in the past dismissed the idea that diabetes can develop as a result of stress during service. Dozens of young soldiers are mobilized after medical examinations find them healthy, and subsequently develop diabetes.

"Animal studies have clearly shown that severe stress, especially emotional pressure but also physical, can cause diabetes to develop in those susceptible to it," said Raz. "But it's impossible to prove this scientifically in humans. One would have to take 100 soldiers susceptible to diabetes, put half of them through severe stress such as getting shot, and then look at the results. Of course, we can't do this."

Soldiers diagnosed with diabetes have, until now, been discharged from the IDF without any benefits. IDF doctors argued they would have gotten diabetes even if they had not joined the military. Some have gone to court, spending NIS 20,000 on lawyers, and in most cases, their claims have not been recognized. Now, anyone who develops the disease within three months of undergoing severe stress will be recognized as having suffered a service-related "injury" and be eligible for compensation as a "disabled soldier."

## Divorce up 5% in 1996

The number of divorces granted in 1996 was 8,195, up 5 percent over the previous year, and 16,902 couples filed for divorce, rabbinical courts director-general Rabbi Eliahu Ben-Dahan said last week.

He said there was an improvement in the situation of *agunot*, whose number stands at 21 today compared to 450 some years ago. This was due to dispatching detectives abroad to locate recalcitrant husbands.

## Actor Shmuel Segal dies at 72

Shmuel Segal, who performed at Habimah and other venues for 50 years, died yesterday at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital of a stroke he had suffered the previous day. He was 72. Segal, who was born in Poland and came here as a child in 1934, played well over 100 roles in plays by Shakespeare, Chekhov, and Moliere, as well as by local playwrights. He was appearing in Shmuel Hasafri's *Shiva*, which is currently playing at Beit Liessin.

## Princess Hotel's kosher certificate canceled

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The Eilat Rabbinical Council canceled the kosher certificate of the city's luxury Princess Hotel last week, in what a kosher official said was a blatant infraction by the hotel.

A hotel spokesperson called the move an attempt to use one incident to force a new policy on all Eilat hotels.

According to the present policy of the Chief Rabbinate, Eilat is the only place in Israel where a kosher hotel may have a non-kosher restaurant on its property. However, the restaurant must be physically separated from the hotel and have separate proprietors.

Dan Adam, head of the Eilat Religious Council's kosher division, said Thursday that there have been numerous infractions at the Princess. However, the straw that broke the camel's back occurred two weeks ago, when food from the non-kosher Chinese-Japanese restaurant was brought into the hotel proper.

Adam said the council is now demanding that the Chinese restaurant become kosher in order for the restaurant to regain its kosher certificate.

Judy Meshulam, a member of the hotel management, admitted that the chief steward had brought a plate of food from the non-kosher restaurant into the hotel. However, she said, the council was using this isolated incident in order to force the Princess to make its Chinese restaurant kosher.

She maintained that this was part of a long-range policy to force all the Eilat hotels to make such restaurants kosher.

The hotel, she said, was continuing to keep kosher, although it had been forced to give a rebate to some of the guests who could not eat in the hotel in the absence of a certificate.

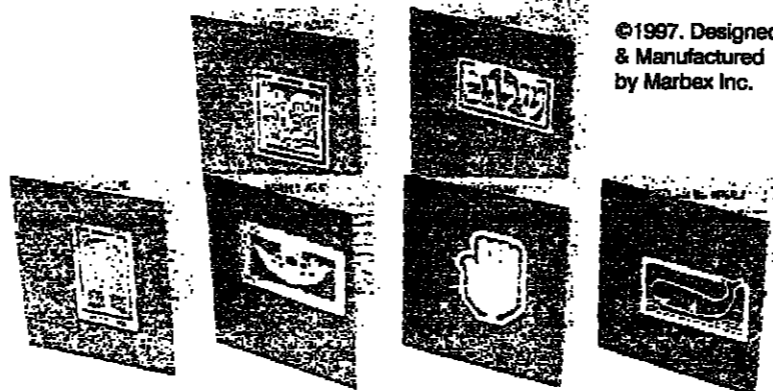
Meshulam said she could not estimate the financial damage to the hotel as a result of the lack of a kosher certificate. She said about 20 percent of the hotel's guests are observant.

"The longer this lasts, the greater the damage will be," Meshulam said.

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